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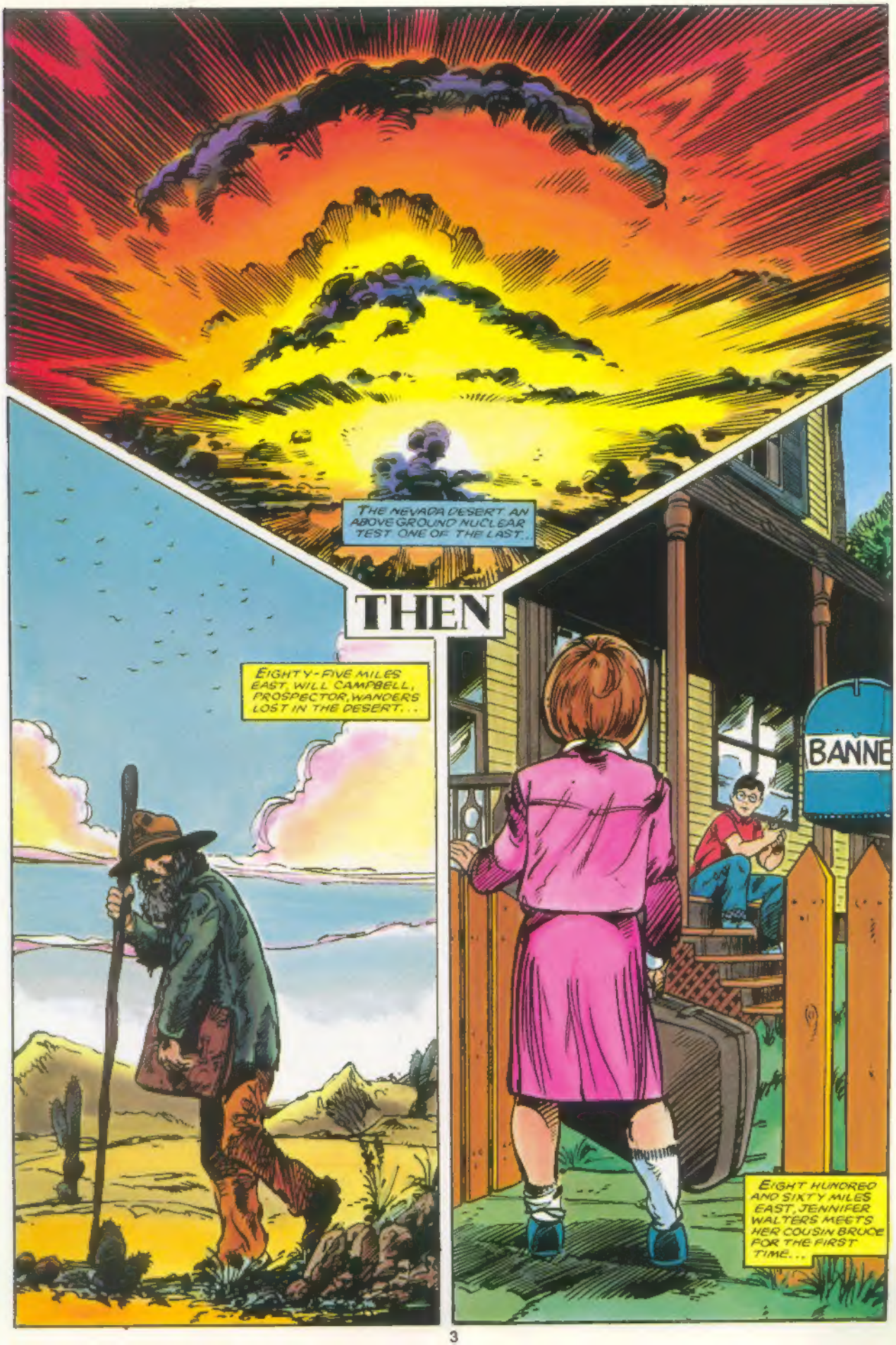
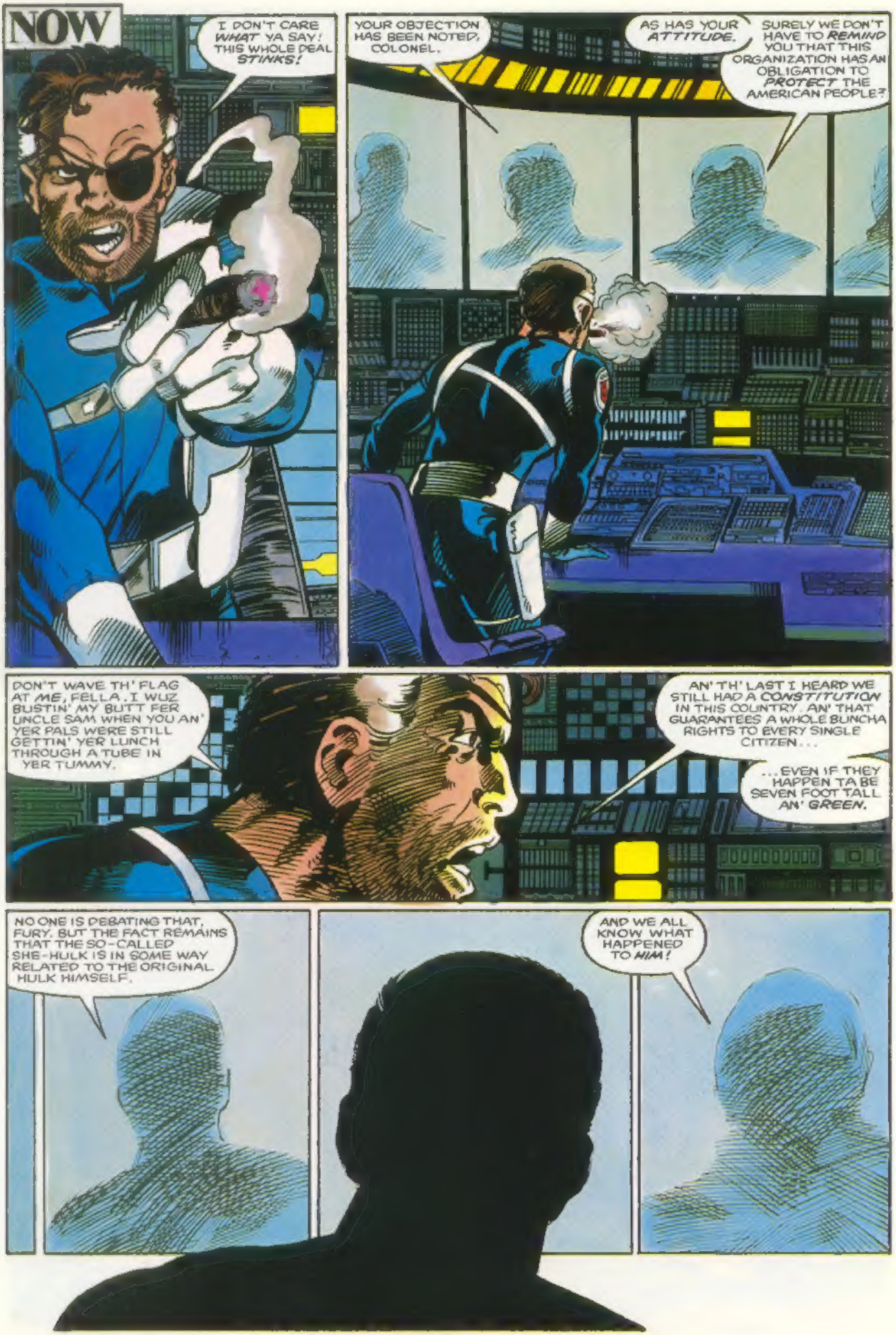

THE NEVADA DESERT AN ABOVE GROUND NUCLEAR TEST ONE OF THE LAST...
THEN
EIGHTY-FIVE MILES EAST, WILL CAMPBELL, PROSPECTOR, WANDERS LOST IN THE DESERT...
BANNE
EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY MILES EAST, JENNIFER WALTERS MEETS HER COUSIN BRUCE FOR THE FIRST TIME...


NOW
I DON'T CARE WHAT YA SAY! THIS WHOLE DEAL STINKS!
YOUR OBJECTION HAS BEEN NOTED, COLONEL.
AS HAS YOUR ATTITUDE.
SURELY WE DON'T HAVE TO REMIND YOU THAT THIS ORGANIZATION HAS AN OBLIGATION TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE?
DON'T WAVE TH' FLAG AT ME, FELLA. I WUZ BUSTIN' MY BUTT FER UNCLE SAM WHEN YOU AN' YER PALS WERE STILL GETTIN' YER LUNCH THROUGH A TUBE IN YER TUMMY.
AN' TH' LAST I HEARD WE STILL HAD A CONSTITUTION IN THIS COUNTRY. AN' THAT GUARANTEES A WHOLE BUNCHA RIGHTS TO EVERY SINGLE CITIZEN...
...EVEN IF THEY HAPPEN TA BE SEVEN FOOT TALL AN' GREEN.
NO ONE IS DEBATING THAT, FURY. BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT THE SO-CALLED SHE-HULK IS IN SOME WAY RELATED TO THE ORIGINAL HULK HIMSELF.
AND WE ALL KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM!

HULK
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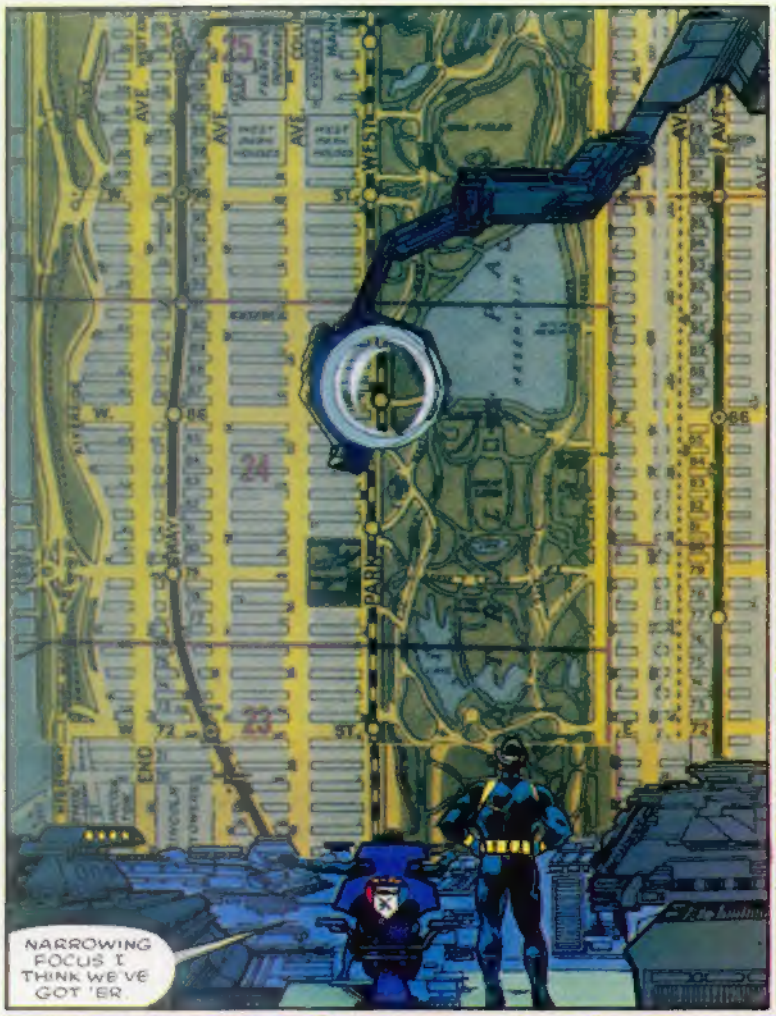
YEAH, SO? I ALSO KNOW REED RICHARDS, AN' I'LL BETCHA HE DIDN'T INVITE TH' SHE-HULK TA BECOME A MEMBER OF TH' FANTASTIC FOUR WITHOUT CHECKIN' HER OUT REAL CLOSE.
TH' FF HAVE GONE TOE TA TOE WITH THE HULK ENOUGH TIMES THAT THEY WOULDN'T WANT SHE-HULK IN THEIR GROUP IF THERE WUZ ANY CHANCE OF HER TURNIN' NASTY.
NEVERTHELESS, FURY, AS MUCH AS WE RESPECT THE CREDENTIALS OF MISTER FANTASTIC, S.H.I.E.L.D.* HAS A CLEAR DUTY IN THIS SITUATION.
YEAH, WELL I'M STILL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THIS LITTLE SOCIAL CLUB, MAYBE I'LL JUST PUT THE KIBOSH ON THIS PROJECT BEFORE IT EVUN GETS STARTED.
*SUPREME HEADQUARTERS INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE LAW-ENFORCEMENT DIVISION.
YOU CAN'T DO THAT, NICK. YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T.
THESE ORDERS COME DIRECTLY FROM THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF HIMSELF.
HRMPH!!
WELL, THERE AIN'T A WHOLE BUNCH I CAN DO ABOUT THAT, BUT THERE IS SOMETHING I CAN DO.
S.H.I.E.L.D. OWES ME ABOUT A MILLION YEARS VACATION TIME.
AN' I'M GONNA TAKE IT... AS OF RIGHT NOW!!

HELLO, JEN, I... JEN?
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?

JEN?
OH... WYATT. HI, LOVER. I DIDN'T HEAR YOU COME IN.
SORRY. I'M A BIT... DISTRACTED JUST NOW.
TELL ME SOMETHING I *DON'T* KNOW.
INDIAN BRAVE HEAP BIG EXPERT AT READ-UM BODY LANGUAGE, AND WHEN THE BODY IN QUESTION COVERS SEVERAL *ACRES*...
...IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO TELL "DISTRACTED" DOESN'T REALLY CONVEY YOUR MOOD.
WHAT'S WRONG?
OHHH... I'VE JUST NOTICED THE *DATE* IS ALL. I'VE BEEN HAVING SO MUCH *FUN* PLAYING SUPER HERO IT ALMOST SLIPPED PAST ME. BUT TOMORROW IS MY COUSIN BRUCE'S *BIRTHDAY*.
OR WOULD HAVE BEEN IF...IF...
DARNIT ALL. WYATT, BRUCE BANNER WAS THE SWEETEST, KINDEST MAN I EVER MET--
PRESENT COMPANY EXCEPTED--
IT JUST ISN'T *FAIR* SOMETHING SO HORRIBLE SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM.

LIFE IS VERY RARELY FAIR, JENNIFER. THE BEST WE CAN DO IS TO TAKE WHATEVER IT THROWS AT US AND TRY TO TURN IT INTO SOMETHING USEFUL.
THE TRAGEDY OF BRUCE BANNER'S LIFE IS VIRTUALLY WITHOUT EQUAL. BUT AT LEAST THE WORLD GAINED SOMETHING OUT OF IT: YOU.
WITHOUT A HULK THERE WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN A SHE-HULK...
AND WITHOUT SHE-HULK THERE'D NEVER HAVE BEEN US.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
THANKS, BABE. YOU ALWAYS KNOW THE RIGHT THING TO SAY.
NOW, I HAVE HERE TWO TICKETS FOR THE SHOW REED AND SUE SO HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.
WHAT SAY WE TRY TO FORGET THE WOES OF THE WORLD FOR AN EVENING, AND JUST ENJOY OURSELVES?
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!
AND I KNOW JUST HOW I WANT TO START!
HEY!!

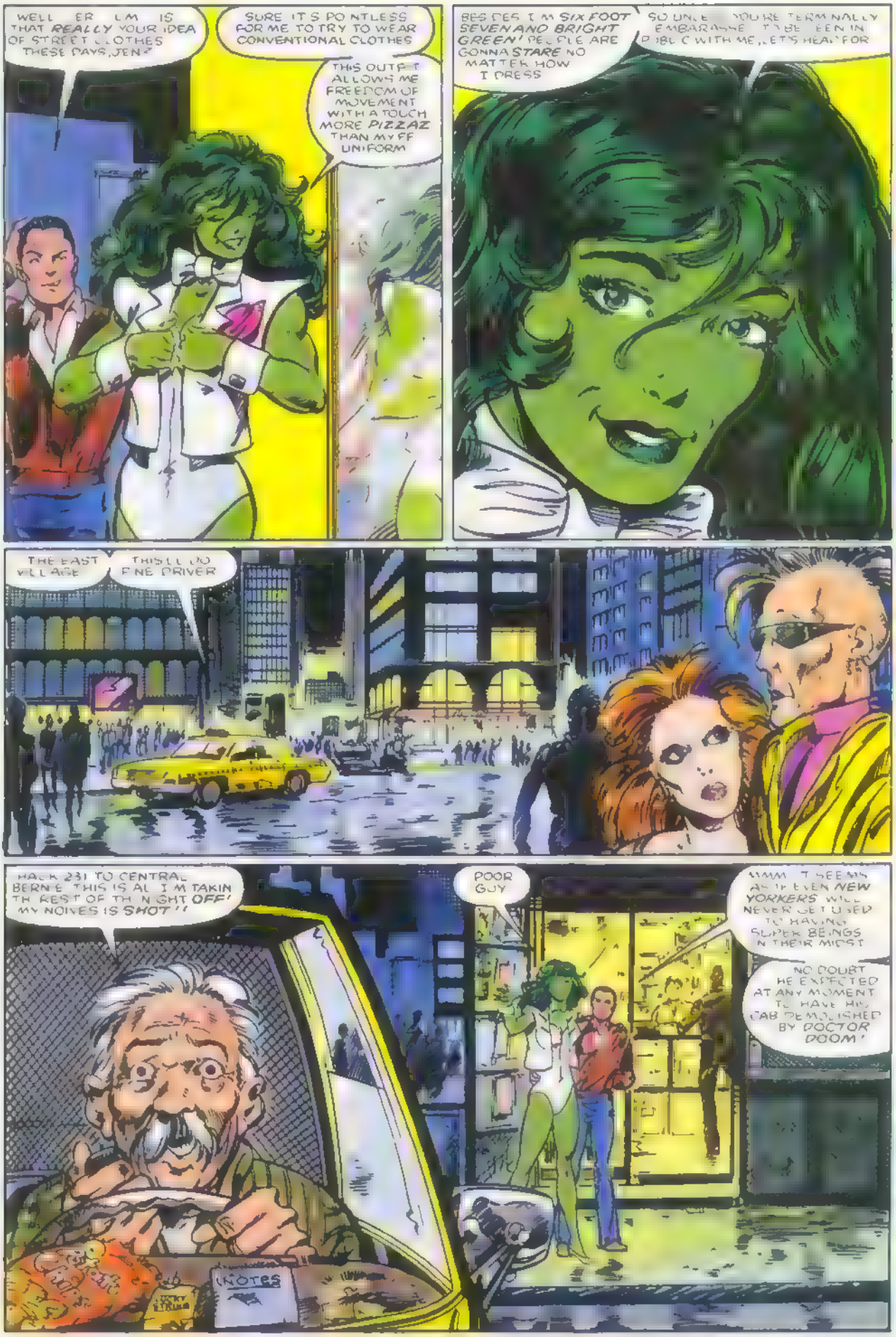

NARROWING FOCUS I THINK WE'VE GOT 'ER

AWRIGHT, LEMME KNOW WHEN YA GOT AN EXACT *PINPOINT*. WE DON'T WANNA HAFTA MOVE TOO FAR THROUGH CIVILIAN TRAFFIC.
ROGER, *DUM-DUM*. BUT WHY THE NEED FOR PRECISION?
SURELY WITHIN A FEW DOZEN YARDS IS ENOUGH?

CALL IT DELAYIN' TACTICS. I DON'T MUCH CARE FER THIS ASSIGNMENT AND I WANT WRITTEN CONFIRMATION ON IT BEFORE WE GO AHEAD.
AND YOU GOT IT, SIR! SIGNED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HIMSELF!

BOY! NICK FURY'S SIGNATURE! WOULDN'T I *LOVE* TO TAKE THAT HOME AND SHOW THE KIDS!
MAKES YOU WANT TO *BEND* A REGULATION JUST ONCE, DOESN'T IT?
DON'T EVEN *THINK* IT, KIDDO.
OKAY, STAND BY INTERCEPT UNITS TWENTY MINUTES TO COMMENCEMENT OF *OPERATION GREEN GENES!*

JEN, ARE YOU NEARLY FINISHED IN THERE? WE'RE RUNNING A LITTLE BEHIND SCHEDULE
SORRY, SWEETS LATE I MAY BE .
. BUT SURELY WORTH WAITING FOR?

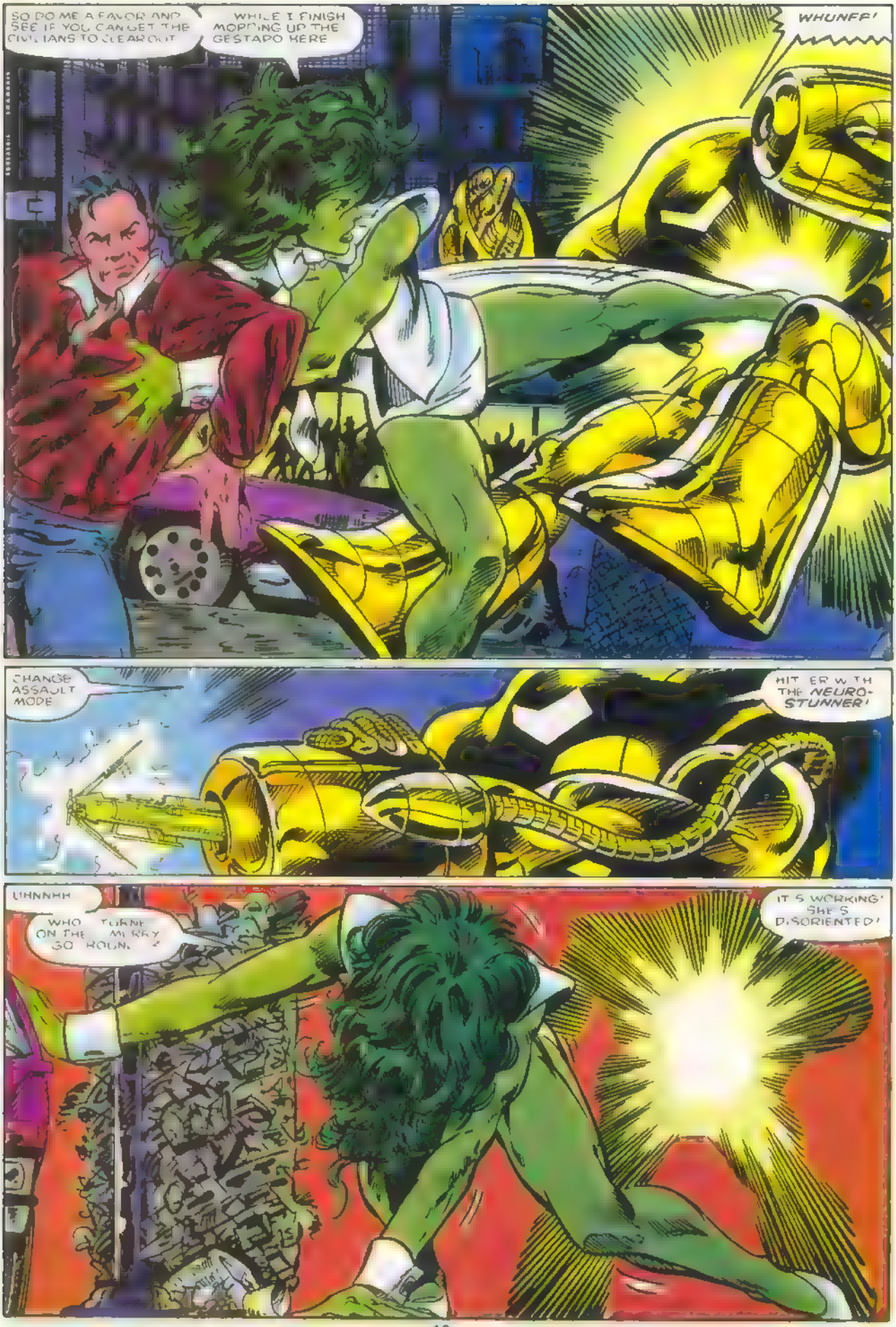

WELL ER UM IS THAT REALLY YOUR IDEA OF STREET CLOTHES THESE DAYS, JEN?
SURE IT'S POINTLESS FOR ME TO TRY TO WEAR CONVENTIONAL CLOTHES
THIS OUTFIT ALLOWS ME FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITH A TOUCH MORE PIZZAZ THAN MY FF UNIFORM
BESIDES I'M SIX FOOT SEVEN AND BRIGHT GREEN! PEOPLE ARE GONNA STARE NO MATTER HOW I DRESS
SO UNLESS YOU'RE TERMINALLY EMBARRASSED TO BE SEEN IN PUBLIC WITH ME, LET'S HEAR FOR
THE EAST VILLAGE
THIS'LL DO FINE DRIVER
HACK 231 TO CENTRAL BERNIE THIS IS AL I'M TAKIN TH REST OF TH NIGHT OFF! MY NOIVES IS SHOT''
POOR GUY
MMM IT SEEMS AS IF EVEN NEW YORKERS WILL NEVER GET USED TO HAVING SUPER BEINGS IN THEIR MIDST
NO DOUBT HE EXPECTED AT ANY MOMENT TO HAVE HIS CAB DEMOLISHED BY DOCTOR DOOM!
KNOTES

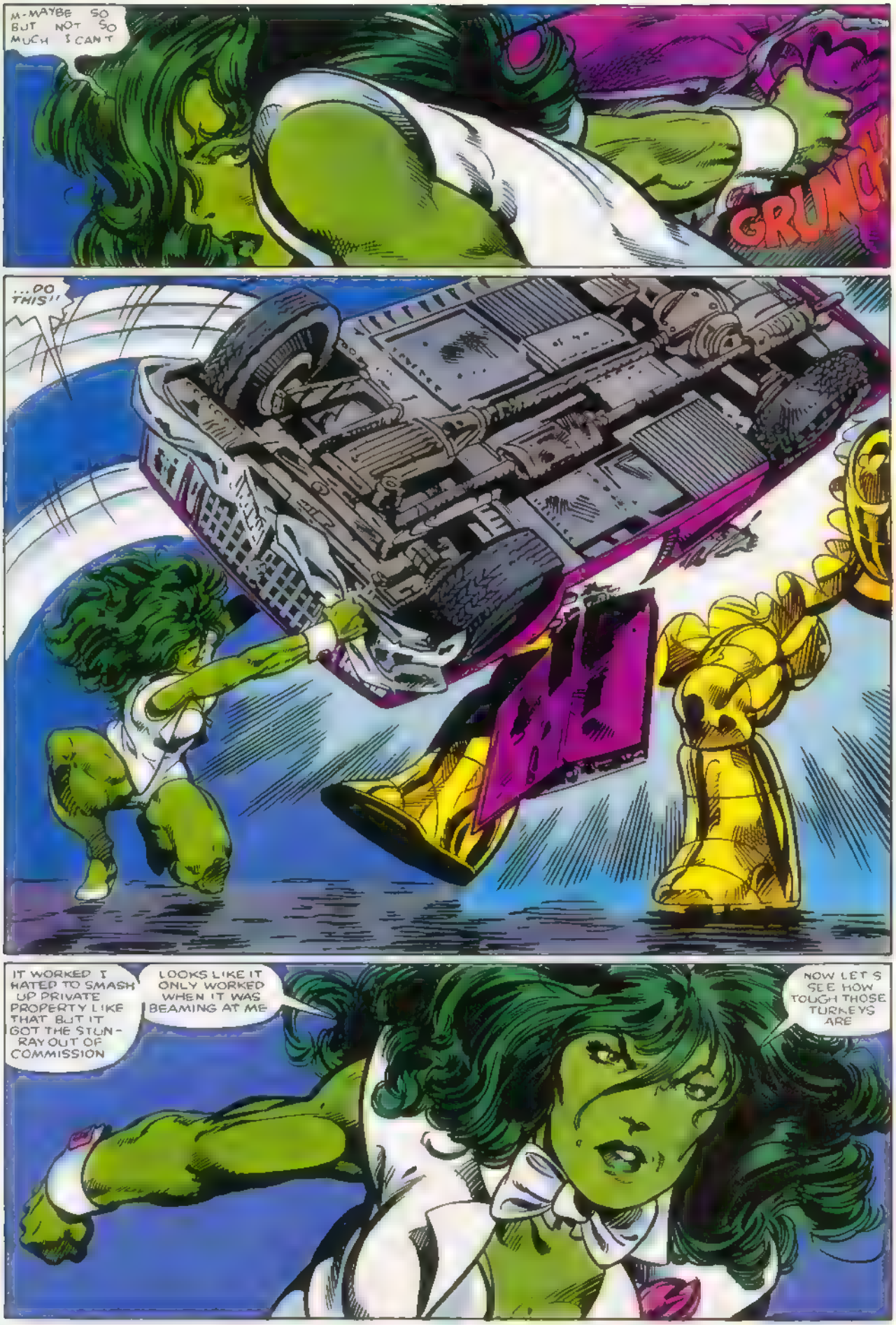
NOT TOO MUCH CHANCE OF THAT ANY MORE BUT I GUESS I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW IT IS
I'VE ONLY BEEN IN THIS BIZ FOR A WEE WHILE... AND I STILL GET AN OCCASIONAL SHOCK WHEN I LOOK IN THE MIRROR
AT LEAST YOU HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF ANONIMITY, WHEN YOU WISH IT.
TRUE I'M NOT STUCK IN THIS FORM LIKE BRUCE HAD BECOME AS THE HULK, OR HOW BEN GRIMM IS, AS THE THING
I'M SHE-HULK ALMOST ALL THE TIME BECAUSE I WANT TO BE BECAUSE IT'S EXCITING!
THAT'S SOMETHING WE REALLY HAVE IN COMMON YOU AND I. I CAME BACK TO NEW YORK INSTEAD OF BECOMING CHIEF OF MY TRIBE BECAUSE I MISSED THE ADVENTURE, THE SHEER THRILL OF LIVING I HAD EXPERIENCED WITH MY FRIENDS IN THE FANTASTIC FOUR
WELL, WHATEVER YOUR MOTIVE, THIS IS ONE BIG GREEN LADY LAWYER WHO'S GLAD YOU CAME.
ORPHEUM
NOW WE CAN SHARE THE EXCITEMENT
TOGETHER..?
WHAT THE HECK?!?
SHE-HULK!!

OKAY STAND BACK EVERYBODY! THIS S OFFICIAL S H I E L D. BUSINESS!
WYATT WINGFOOT, STEP CLEAR WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN YOU TODAY!
NOW MOVE IT SHE-HULK YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
L7
L3
L
ARREST?!?
HOLD THE PHONE, IRONSIDES LET'S SEE SOME PAPER ON THAT FIRST! I ASSUME YOU'VE GOT A WARRANT?
HEY, WAKE UP AN SMELL THE COFFEE, GREENIE!
WE'RE S H I E L D. WE DON'T NEED WARRANTS!
L3

GUESS AGAIN, PAL. 1984 WAS LAST YEAR!
HEY!!
BLAST HER!! KNOCK HER OUT! FAST!!
CIVILIANS CLEAR THE AREA. THIS IS AT A PRIORITY COMMAND!
ANYONE INTERFERING WITH US WILL FACE FEDERAL PROSECUTION!

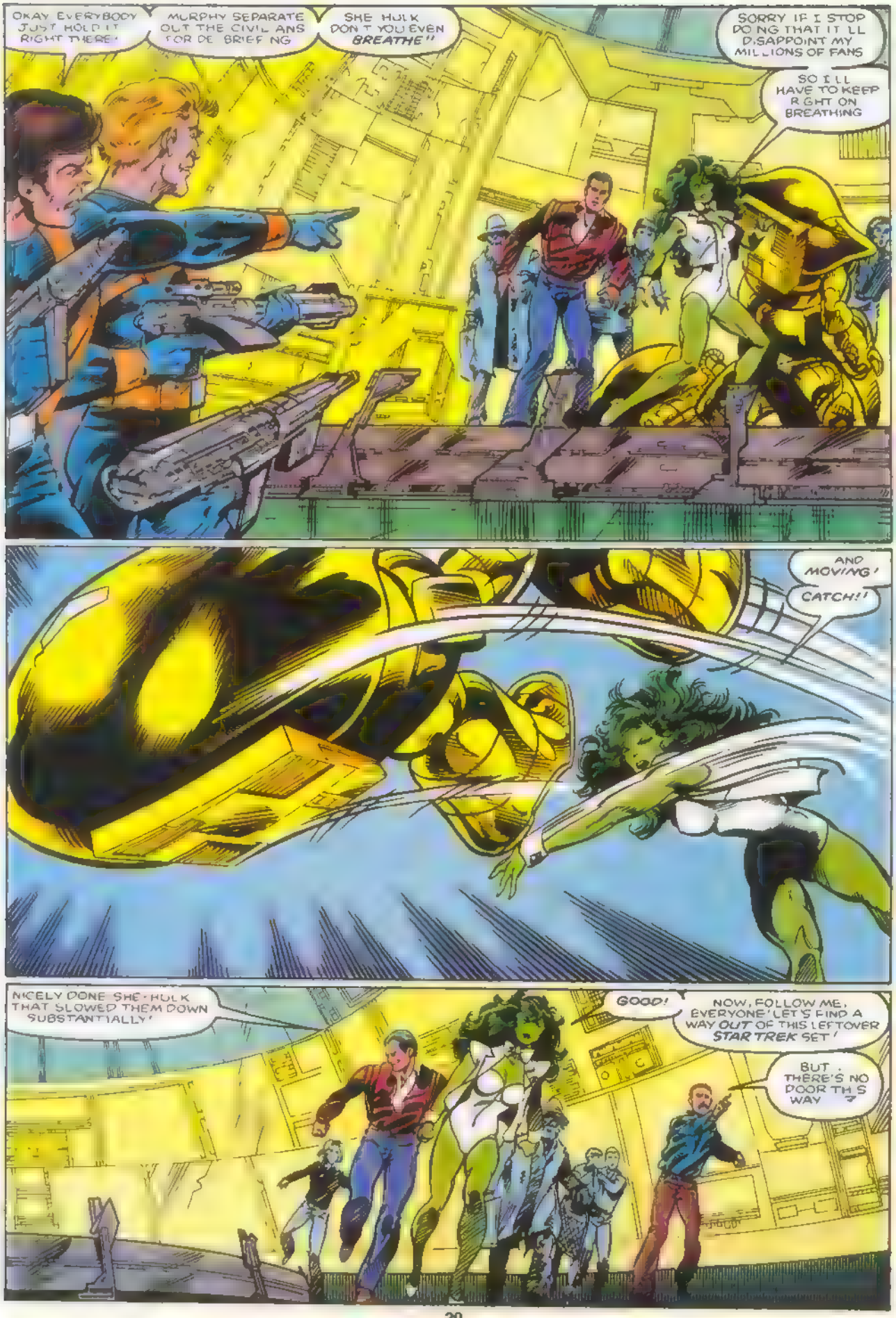
NO WAY, MY FRIEND SHE HULK HAPPENS TO BE ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS
YOU DON'T ROUST HER WITHOUT ADEQUATE REASON!
YEAH! C'MON, PEOPLE! LET'S SHOW THESE TIN PLATED NAZIS THIS IS STILL THE USA!
L5
MAYBE YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME!
WYATT!
S'OKAY BABY, I GOTCHA!
BUT THOSE CLOWNS SURE DON'T SEEM TOO CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC, DO THEY?

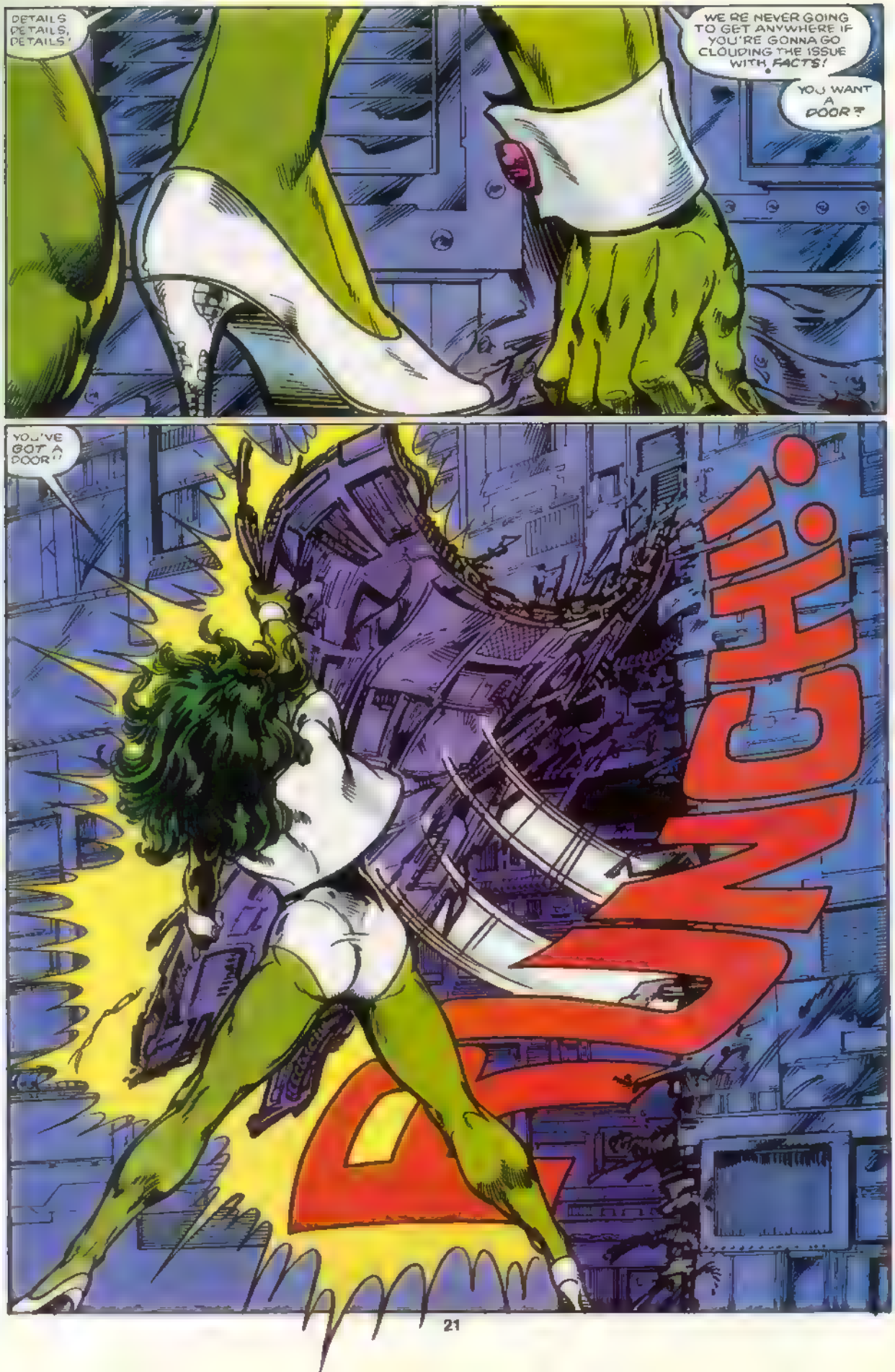

SO DO ME A FAVOR AND SEE IF YOU CAN GET THE CIVILIANS TO CLEAR OUT
WHILE I FINISH MOPPING UP THE GESTAPO HERE
WHUNFF!
CHANGE ASSAULT MODE
HIT ER W TH THE NEURO-STUNNER!
UHNNHH
WHO TURNE ON THE MERRY GO ROUN
IT S WORKING! SHE S DISORIENTED!


M-MAYBE SO BUT NOT SO MUCH I CAN'T
GRUNCH
...DO THIS!!
IT WORKED I HATED TO SMASH UP PRIVATE PROPERTY LIKE THAT BUT IT GOT THE STUN-RAY OUT OF COMMISSION
LOOKS LIKE IT ONLY WORKED WHEN IT WAS BEAMING AT ME
NOW LET'S SEE HOW TOUGH THOSE TURKEYS ARE

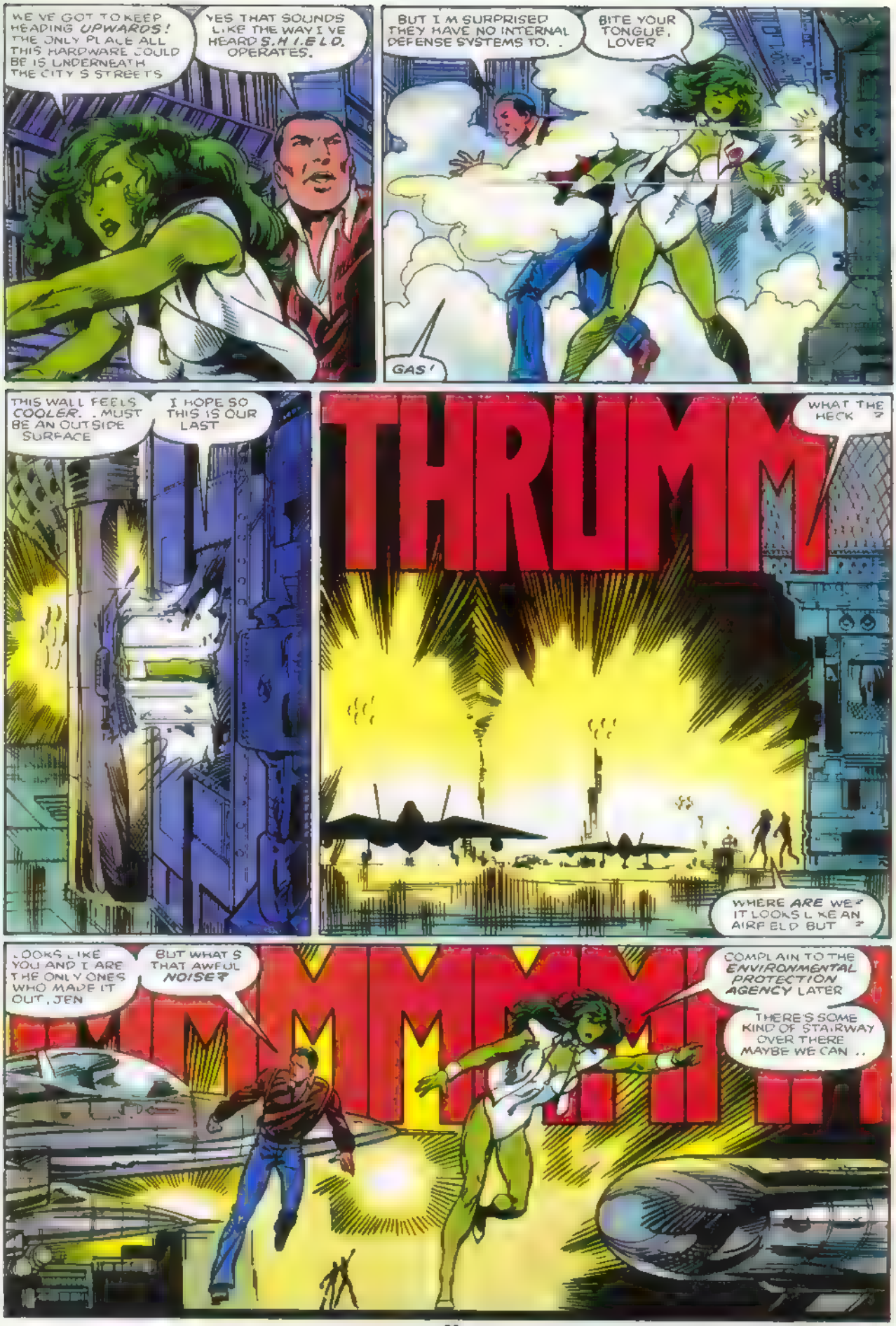
WHEN I START SERIOUSLY CLIPPING THEIR WINGS
HEY!
L7
NIGHTY-NIGHT, BOYS!
SLING
DAMMIT ALL! SHE WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE THIS TOUGH!
UNIT FIVE TO CENTRAL UNIT FIVE TO CENTRAL
LS
WE CANNOT CONTAIN TARGET REQUEST EMERGENCY PULL OUT FULL QUADRANT TRANSPORTATION
HUH?
WHAT

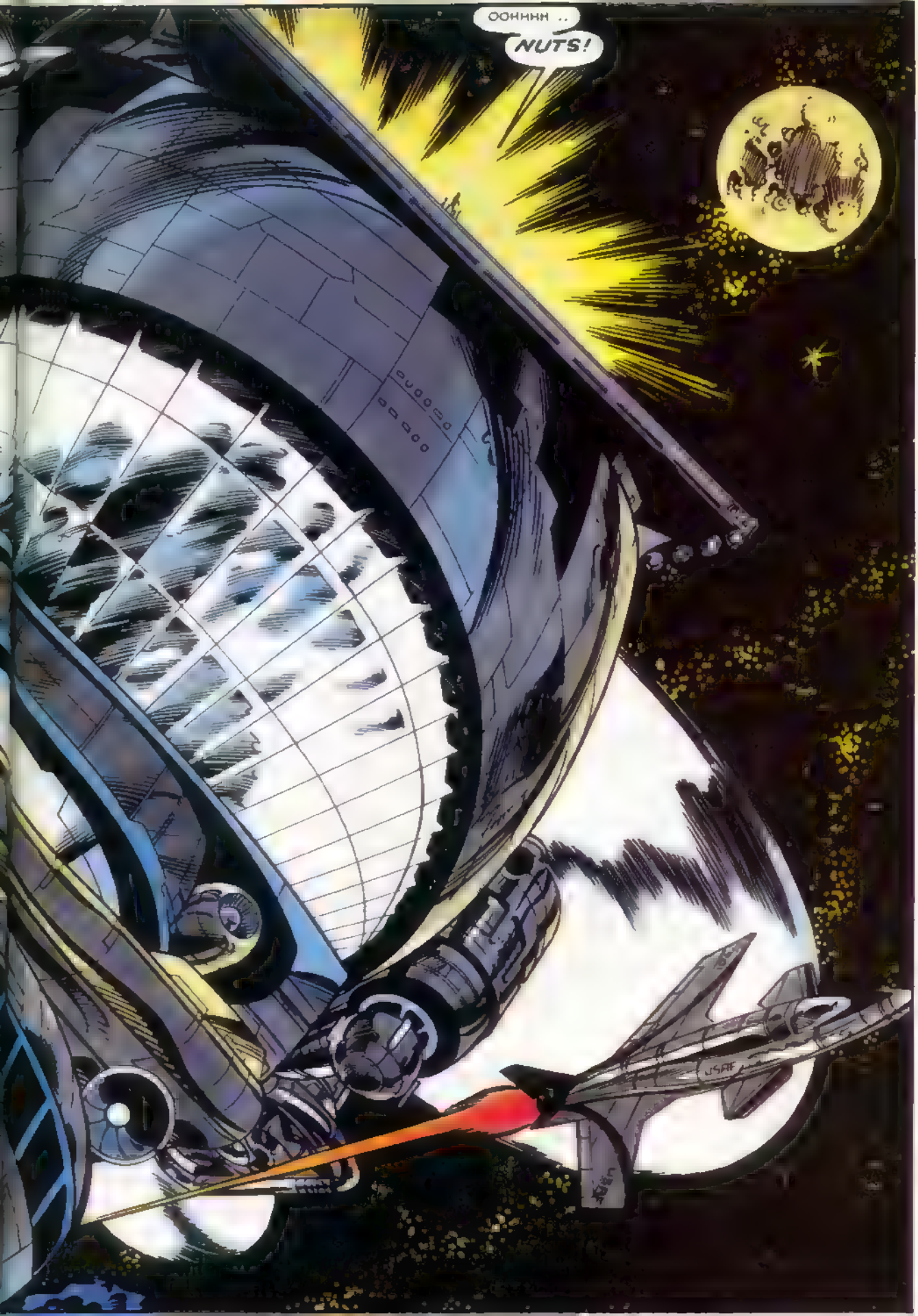
DID
KHAN
HE
SAY?


OKAY EVERYBODY JUST HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
MURPHY SEPARATE OUT THE CIVILIANS FOR DEBRIEFING
SHE-HULK DON'T YOU EVEN BREATHE!!
SORRY IF I STOP DOING THAT I'LL DISAPPOINT MY MILLIONS OF FANS
SO I'LL HAVE TO KEEP RIGHT ON BREATHING
AND MOVING!
CATCH!!
NICELY DONE SHE-HULK THAT SLOWED THEM DOWN SUBSTANTIALLY!
GOOD!
NOW, FOLLOW ME, EVERYONE! LET'S FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS LEFTOVER STAR TREK SET!
BUT, THERE'S NO DOOR THIS WAY?


DETAILS DETAILS, DETAILS!
WE'RE NEVER GOING TO GET ANYWHERE IF YOU'RE GONNA GO CLOUDING THE ISSUE WITH FACTS!
YOU WANT A DOOR?
YOU'VE GOT A DOOR!!
SMASH!!

LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF MAINTENANCE TUNNEL
THIS OUGHT TO GET US SOMEWHERE
STAY CLOSE, PEOPLE. I CAN PROTECT YOU FROM THESE JUNIOR G MEN
BUT ONLY IF WE KEEP IN A TIGHT UNIT


WE'VE GOT TO KEEP HEADING UPWARDS! THE ONLY PLACE ALL THIS HARDWARE COULD BE IS UNDERNEATH THE CITY'S STREETS
YES THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE WAY I'VE HEARD S.H.I.E.L.D. OPERATES.
BUT I'M SURPRISED THEY HAVE NO INTERNAL DEFENSE SYSTEMS TO. .
BITE YOUR TONGUE, LOVER
GAS!
THIS WALL FEELS COOLER. . MUST BE AN OUTSIDE SURFACE
I HOPE SO THIS IS OUR LAST
THRUMM
WHAT THE HECK?
WHERE ARE WE? IT LOOKS LIKE AN AIRFIELD BUT?
LOOKS LIKE YOU AND I ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO MADE IT OUT, JEN
BUT WHAT'S THAT AWFUL NOISE?
MMM
COMPLAIN TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY LATER
THERE'S SOME KIND OF STAIRWAY OVER THERE MAYBE WE CAN ..


OOHHHH ..
NUTS!

WE'RE ON SHIELD'S FLYING AIRCRAFT CARRIER! I REALLY SHOULD HAVE GUESSED.
OKAY, YOU TWO, PLAY TIME'S OVER! HANDS OVER YOUR HEADS AN' NO MORE SCREWIN' AROUND!
MOVE IT!
ALL RIGHT WYATT, WE'LL HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH THEM FOR A BIT. WE'RE WAY TOO HIGH FOR ME TO RISK JUMPING, ESPECIALLY CARRYING YOU.
I APPRECIATE THAT, JEN.
BUT I STILL WONDER WHAT THESE CLOWNS ARE UP TO.
KEEP MOVING! KEEP MOVING!
WINGFOOT, STAND CLEAR OF SHE-HULK.
OKAY, GREENIE.
STRIP!
SAY WHAT?!?!

YOU HEARD HE NOW DROP 'EM.
OR YOU CAN BURY YOUR BOYFRIEND AT WOUNDED KNEE...
SHE HULK, DON'T! YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS...
DON'T COUNT FOR MUCH AROUND THESE PARTS I EXPECT WELL I CAN ALWAYS WRITE A NASTY NOTE TO MY CONGRESSMAN LATER
SALL RIGHT, LOVER NOTHING WORTH YOUR GETTING VENTILATED FOR
FUNNY THING, THOUGH I REMEMBER WHEN SHIELD WAS THE GOOD GUYS.
I GUESS THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH PARA MILITARY SPY GROUPS
THEY TEND TO START OUT AS THE SECRET SERVICE AND END UP AS THE K.G.B.
SEEMS LIKE IT'S ALL BEEN DOWNHILL SINCE THEY CANCELED "THE MAN FROM U.N.C.L.E."
OKAY, BRIGHT BOYS, NOW WHAT?
MAYBE YOU'D LIKE ME TO JUMP ROPE FOR YOU?

DAD BURN IT WHAT TH' HECK'S KEEPIN' DOOLEY?
HE SHOULDA FINISHED PROCESSING THOSE RUNAWAYS TWENTY MINUTES AGO!
THE OTHER CIVILIANS HE COLLARED HAVE ALREADY BEEN CLEARED AN RETURNED TO THE GROUND.
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DOOLEY' WHAT IS ALL THIS? WE AIN T IN THE HABIT OF PAYIN' FIELD OFFICERS T' STAND AROUND LIKE A BUNCHA OL' GRAN...
NY Y EEE EEE EEE .
'EVENING, GRAMPS I TAKE IT YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THIS STAG PARTY?
DOOLEY" WHAT THE HELL'S GOIN' ON HERE?"
GENERAL ORDER OH-NINER-FIFTY SEVEN, DIRECTOR
"ALL PRISONERS TO BE STRIP SEARCHED BEFORE BEING CLEARED INTO MINIMUM SECURITY HOLDING AREAS."
NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE SO PLEASED TO ENFORCE A REGULATION.

STRIP SEARCHED?!? YOU GODDAM IDJIT! THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE DONE IN A PRIVATE CELL, BY AN AGENT OF THE SAME SEX!!
I CALL THIS GROSS MIS-USE OF AUTHORITY, DOOLEY. CONFINE YOURSELF TO QUARTERS UNTIL I'VE FILED A REPORT!
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST OF THIS, DUGAN. I HAVE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES.
SAVE THE THREATS, DOOLEY I'VE HEARD WORSE, FROM BETTER MEN THAN YOU, AN' I'M STILL LAUGHIN'.
OKAY I WANNA SEE SHE-HULK IN MY OFFICE IN TEN MINUTES.
AN' GET THE LADY A SMOCK FER CHRISSAKE!!
I'M SORRY THIS HAPPENED THE WAY IT DID, MA'M.
OUR ORDERS WERE TO PICK YOU UP FOR ANALYSIS, NOT SUBJECT YOU TO THAT KIND OF...OF...
FORGET IT, DIRECTOR. BEING DROOLED OVER BY A BUNCH OF EMOTIONALLY RETARDED LITTLE BOYS IS NOTHING...
...COMPARED TO BEING HI-JACKED--OR SHOULD I MAKE THAT KIDNAPED--BY YOUR PEOPLE
NOW. WHAT'S THE STORY?
I'M NOT SURE MYSELF SHE HULK IF THEM ORDERS HADN'T COME IN WRITING FROM COLONEL FURY HISSELF I'D NEVER HAVE GONE ALONG WITH IT.
SEEMS, THOUGH, THAT THE TOP BOYS ARE WORRIED YOU MIGHT POSE A POTENTIAL THREAT TO CIVILIAN SAFETY.
THEY WANNA MAKE SURE YOU AIN'T GONNA GO NASTY ON US LIKE THE HULK DID. UNDERSTAND?
I CAN UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN FELT IT MYSELF, MORE THAN ONCE
IT'S THE METHODS I HAVE TO QUESTION.
OR DOES SHIELD REALLY CONSIDER ITSELF OUTSIDE THE LAW THESE DAYS?

I JUST DUNNO ANYMORE SHIELD IS TH SUPREME HEADQUARTERS INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE LAWENFORCEMENT DIVISION... LAW-ENFORCEMENT WHEN I JOINED UP WITH THIS BUNCH I THOUGHT WE WUZ GONNA BE THE LAW NOT BE ABOVE IT
BUT TIMES CHANGE PEOPLE CHANGE SOMETIMES I STAND IN TH MIDDLE OF THIS WHOLE SHEE-BANG AN' FEEL LIKE A STRANGER.
LIKE I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ALL ABOUT ANYMORE.
TO PUM PUM
ER SORRY F RGIVE AN' OL' MAN FER RAMBLIN'. YOU GOT TROUBLES OF YOUR OWN YOU DON'T NEED TO HEAR MINE. I..
'SCUSE ME A MINUTE
PRRRRT
SPECIAL DIRECTOR DUGAN
YES SIR I DID FILE A REPORT AGAINST DOOLEY I
WHAT?!?
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS, SIR?
BUT I . BUT .
YESSIR
I GUESS DOOLEY REALLY DOES HAVE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES AFTER ALL.
I'VE BEEN ORDERED BACK TO WASHINGTON...
AND I'M IN CHARGE UNTIL FURY RETURNS

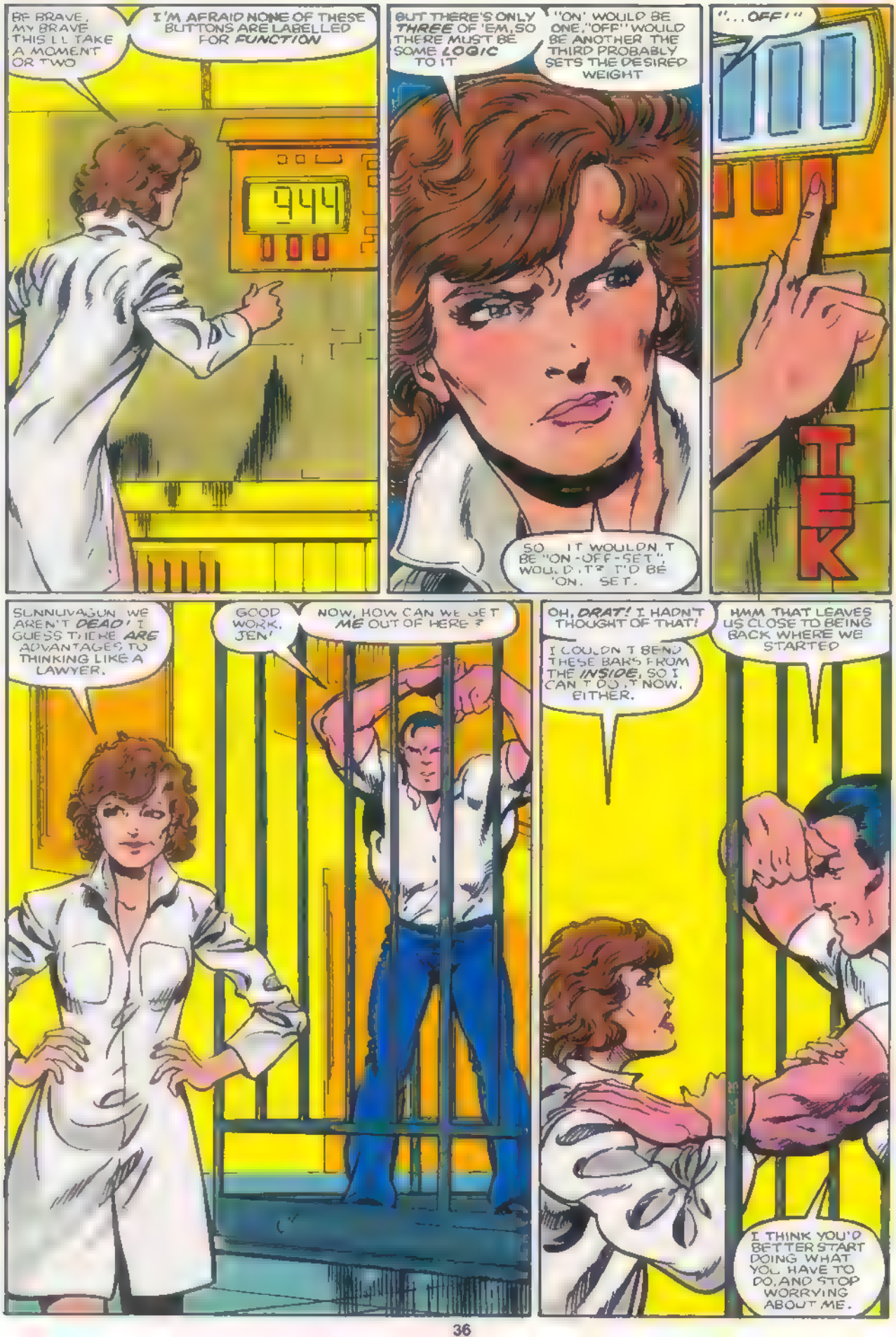
OKAY, DUGAN, YOU'VE GOT THREE MINUTES TO HAUL YOUR FLABBY OLD ASS DOWN TO THE SHUTTLE-BAY.
WINGFOOT--WE'VE PREPARED SPECIAL QUARTERS FOR YOU. WE WANT YOUR GIRLFRIEND TO KNOW WE'RE TAKING PROPER CARE OF YOU
AND SHE-HULK YOU'RE COMING WITH ME.
N HERE, GREENIE LEVINE, YOU SET UP AND READY YET?
READY AS I'LL EVER BE. YOU KNOW THIS KIND OF EXAMINATION ISN'T STRICTLY MY FIELD...
THEN YOU'D BETTER BE EXTRA CAREFUL--AND EXTRA THOROUGH
OKAY, SHE HULK, ONE MORE TIME, OFF WITH THOSE CLOTHES
YOU'R ONE-TRACK MIND'S GETTING TO BE A BORE, DOOLEY
ER ... GUILD-LISSEN THAT REALLY ISN'T NECESSARY...
AND I SAY IT IS, GAFFER, ME OL' MATE.
AND AS OF NOW WE'RE PLAYING THIS GAME BY MY RULES
ALL RIGHT ..
IT'S NOW NINE FORTY-SEVEN GET STARTED!

JEN!
AM 3:17
YOU MISERABLE BASTARDS!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HER?
JUST STAND CLEAR OF THE DOOR, WINGFOOT, UNLESS YOU WANT SOME OF THE SAME.
OKAY, BOYS, TOSS 'ER IN WITH GERONIMO.
WHEN SHE WAKES UP, WINGFOOT, TELL 'ER SHE'S GOT TWO HOURS TO REST UP
THEN WE START AGAIN
JEN...
JEN, CAN YOU HEAR ME? BABY WHAT HAVE THEY...
UHHHRH
WYATT ..?

EASY BABE, EASY DON'T TALK SAVE YOUR STRENGTH.
S'ALL RIGHT..
S'NOT AS BAD AS IT LOOKS I'M JUST WORN OUT. FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN THROUGH
THROUGH...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN THROUGH.
HERE, TAKE A SIP OF COFFEE IT'S NOT EXACTLY HOT ANYMORE, BUT THE CAFFEINE MAY BOOST YOUR ENERGY
MMMMM, THANKS.
THAT WAS REALLY SOMETHING ELSE. I'VE BEEN POKED AND PRODDED AND PROBED IN PLACES I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I HAD!
WHY DIDN'T YOU RESIST, THEM?
BECAUSE OF YOU SWEETIE.
AS LONG AS THEY'VE GOT YOU I'M GONNA PLAY NICE...EVEN IF IT KILLS ME
WHAT ABOUT YOU? HAVE YOU TRIED TO BUST OUT OF THIS CAGE AT ALL?
NOT MUCH CHANCE OF THAT I'M AFRAID THESE BARS ARE TOO CLOSE TOGETHER FOR ME TO SQUEEZE THROUGH...
.. AND TOO STRONG FOR ME TO BEND. PLUS THERE'S A WEIGHT-SENSITIVE ALARM SYSTEM.
IF THE WEIGHT IN THIS CAGE VARIES BY MORE THAN ONE OR TWO POUNDS THIS ROOM FLOODS WITH CYANIDE GAS
AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THEY TOLD ME AND THAT GIZMO ON THE WALL TENDS TO LEND CREDENCE TO THEIR CLAIMS.
GAS

WELL, THAT SUCKS
AND THESE BARS FEEL LIKE SOME DISTANT COUSIN TO ADAMANTIUM PROBABLY TOO TOUGH FOR ME, EVEN IF I WASN'T SHAGGED OUT.
BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE, WHILE THE TWO OF US ARE STILL TOGETHER-- AND BEFORE THE GOON SQUAD COMES BACK
HMMM... WYATT, D'YOU THINK YOU COULD PRESS THE EQUIVALENT OF MY WEIGHT?
ER... WELL, I'M NOT EXACTLY A NINETY-EIGHT POUND WEAKLING TO BE SURE...
BUT SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS?
HUSH UP, BLABBER-MOUTH! DIDN'T YOUR MAMA EVER TELL YOU IT ISN'T POLITE TO REVEAL A GAL'S MOST INTIMATE SECRETS?
NOW CLIMB UP ON HERE AND BRACE YOURSELF AGAINST THE CEILING..
JEN, WHAT IN THE WORLD...?
OH! OH, OF COURSE! I UNDERSTAND.
READY WHEN YOU ARE
OKAY, I'LL TRY AND TAKE THIS SLOW AND EASY.
LET'S HOPE THERE AREN'T ANY HIDDEN CAMERAS WE'VE OVERLOOKED
THESE BARS ARE TOO CLOSE TOGETHER FOR THE SHE-HULK...

BUT I HAVE ONE ACE UP MY SLEEVE THAT THESE BOZOS PROBABLY HAVEN'T CONSIDERED
I GOT TURNED INTO THE SHE-HULK BY A BLOOD TRANSFUSION FROM MY COUSIN BRUCE..
AND THAT GAVE ME A DOSE OF THE GAMMA RADIATION THAT TURNS HIM INTO THE HULK.
BUT IT GAVE ME SOMETHING ELSE. SOMETHING BRUCE DIDN'T HAVE.
I'M SHE-HULK BY CHOICE. AND ANY TIME I FEEL LIKE IT I CAN STOP BEING THE SHE-HULK...
AND BE PLAIN OL' JENNIFER WALTERS AGAIN!
AND NOW SQUEEZING THROUGH THESE BARS IS NO PROBLEM AT ALL!
NO ALARMS EITHER I THINK MY FIENDISH PLAN IS WORKING!
BUT NOT FOR LONG IF YOU DON'T FIND THE OFF SWITCH... TO THAT SCALE.
I'M.. PUSHING HARD ENOUGH TO... BREAK MY BACK MAINTAINING THE WEIGHT OF BOTH.. OF US.


BE BRAVE, MY BRAVE THIS'LL TAKE A MOMENT OR TWO
I'M AFRAID NONE OF THESE BUTTONS ARE LABELLED FOR FUNCTION
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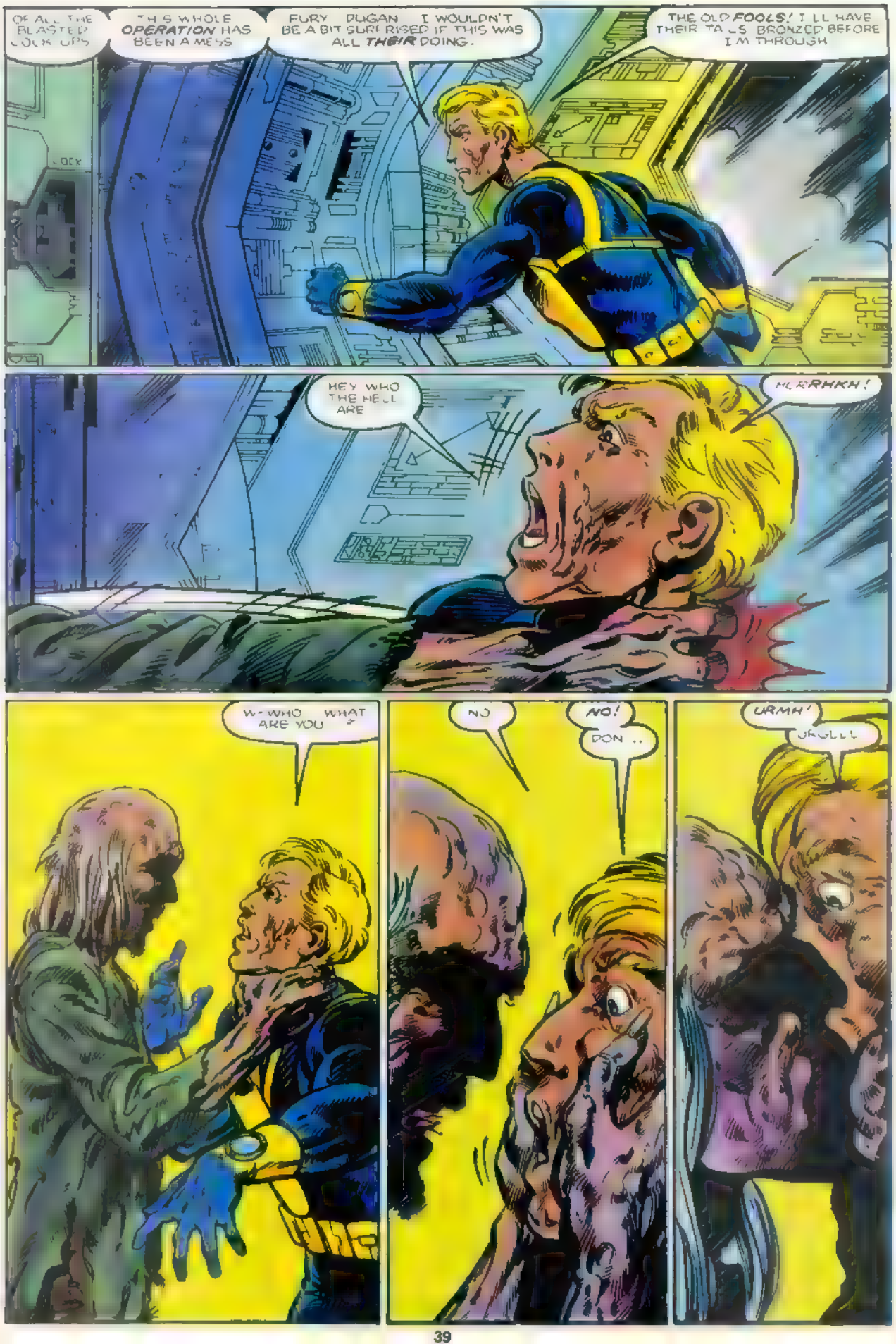
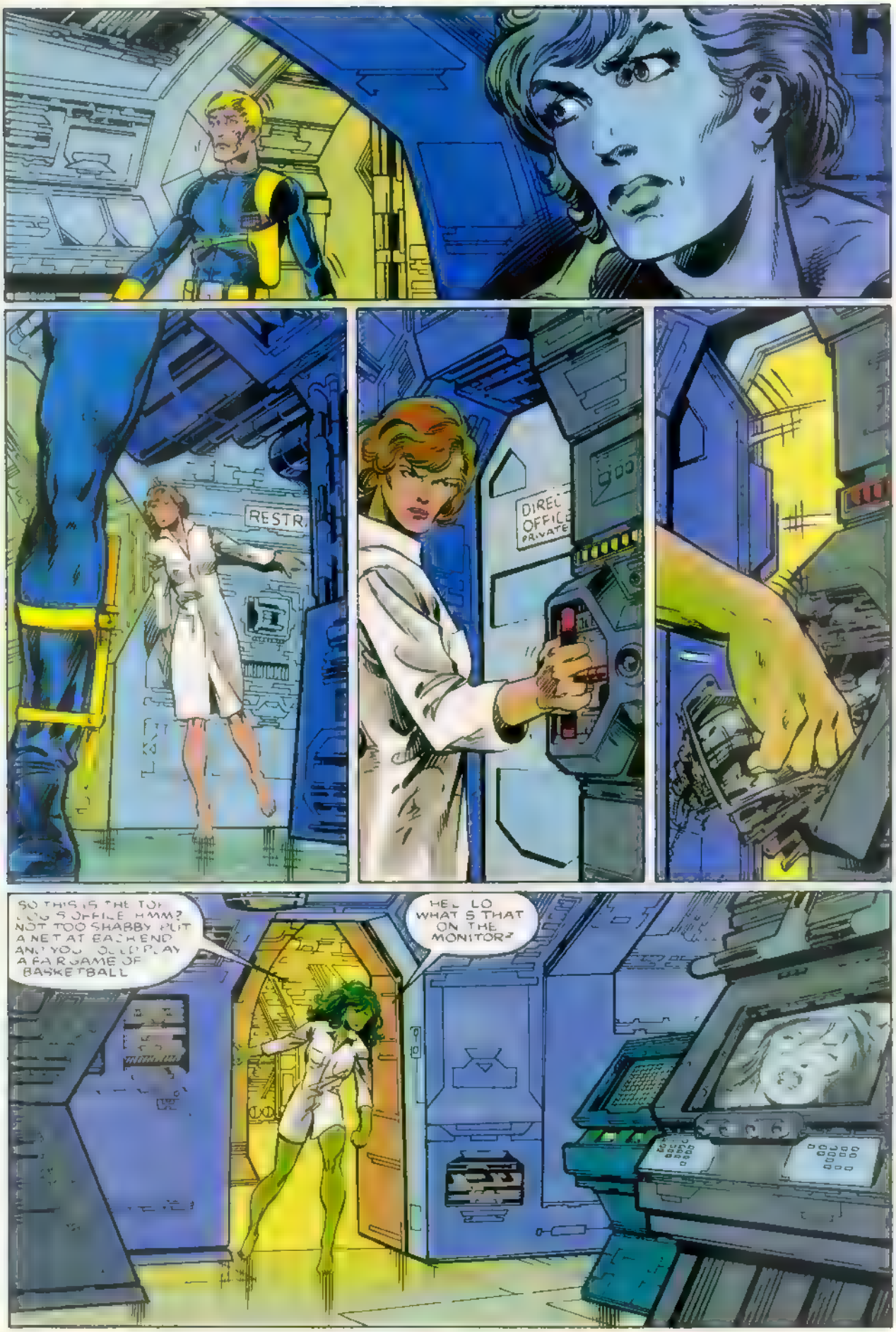
BUT THERE'S ONLY THREE OF 'EM, SO THERE MUST BE SOME LOGIC TO IT
"ON" WOULD BE ONE, "OFF" WOULD BE ANOTHER THE THIRD PROBABLY SETS THE DESIRED WEIGHT
SO IT WOULDN'T BE "ON-OFF-SET", WOULD IT? I'D BE 'ON. SET.
"...OFF!"
TEK
SUNNUVAGUN WE AREN'T DEAD! I GUESS THERE ARE ADVANTAGES TO THINKING LIKE A LAWYER.
GOOD WORK, JEN!
NOW, HOW CAN WE GET ME OUT OF HERE?
OH, DRAT! I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT!
I COULDN'T BEND THESE BARS FROM THE INSIDE, SO I CAN'T DO IT NOW, EITHER.
HMM THAT LEAVES US CLOSE TO BEING BACK WHERE WE STARTED
I THINK YOU'D BETTER START DOING WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO, AND STOP WORRYING ABOUT ME.

NO CAN DO, LOVER YOU WOULDN'T BE IN THIS MESS AT ALL IF NOT FOR ME.
THEY'D KICK ME OUT OF THE SUPER-FOLK UNION IF I DIDN'T PULL YOU OUT OF THE FIRE.
BESIDES
IT'D BE A CRIME AGAINST NATURE TO LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO THOSE BUNS!
WE'VE GOT ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF BEFORE DOOLEY AND COMPANY COME BACK FOR ME.
HOPEFULLY THAT'LL BE ENOUGH TIME TO FIND A WAY OUT FOR BOTH OF US!
WISH ME LUCK!
HEY!!
YOU WITH THE BARE FEET!!

OHHHH
.. NUTS''
HEY!
GET AFTER HER! GET AFTER HER! DAMMIT!
ALL SECTIONS, ALERT! ALERT! INTRUDER IN SECTION ONE OH THREE, LEVEL NINER!
THIS IS DOOLEY
FEMALE CAUCASIAN ABOUT THIRTY, FIVE-SIX, BROWN HAIR
WEARING A SHIELD ISSUE SMOCK AND NO SHOES.
NO
GO TO ALERT STATION YELLOW SEAL ALL STATIONS ADJACENT TO 103 FROM LEVEL SIX THROUGH LEVEL TWELVE
AND GET A SQUAD OF ARMED AGENTS TO SECURITY PEN 24
THIS INTRUDER MAY BE TRYING TO REACH SHE HULK AND WINGFOOT.
MARK AND MOVE!!


OF ALL THE BLASTED LOCK UPS
THIS WHOLE OPERATION HAS BEEN A MESS
FURY DUGAN I WOULDN'T BE A BIT SURPRISED IF THIS WAS ALL THEIR DOING.
THE OLD FOOLS! I'LL HAVE THEIR TALES BRONZED BEFORE I'M THROUGH
LOCK
HEY WHO THE HELL ARE
NGRRHKH!
W-WHO WHAT ARE YOU ?
NO
NO! DON..
URMH!
URGLLL

YOU ARE DEAD, HUMAN WITHOUT US YOU HAVE NO LIFE, NO THOUGHT.
YOU WILL OBEY.
YOU WILL TAKE US TO THE CENTRAL CONTROL ROOM OF THIS ARSHIP.
YOUR MEMORIES WILL GUIDE US YOUR KNOWLEDGE WILL TEACH US WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW
THAT WE MAY DESTROY THIS HUMAN ENGINE AND THUS SHOW THE WORLD OUR POWER!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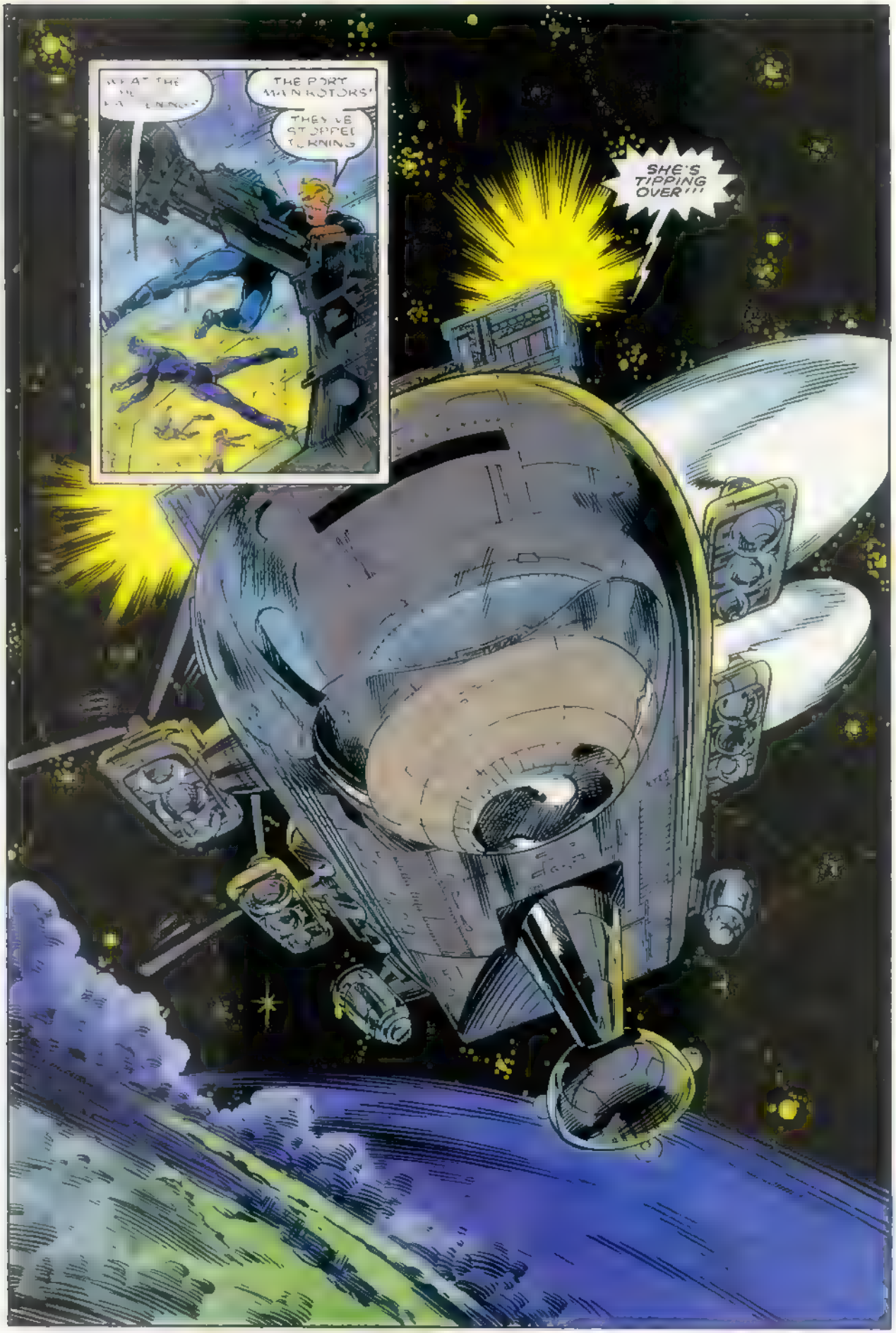
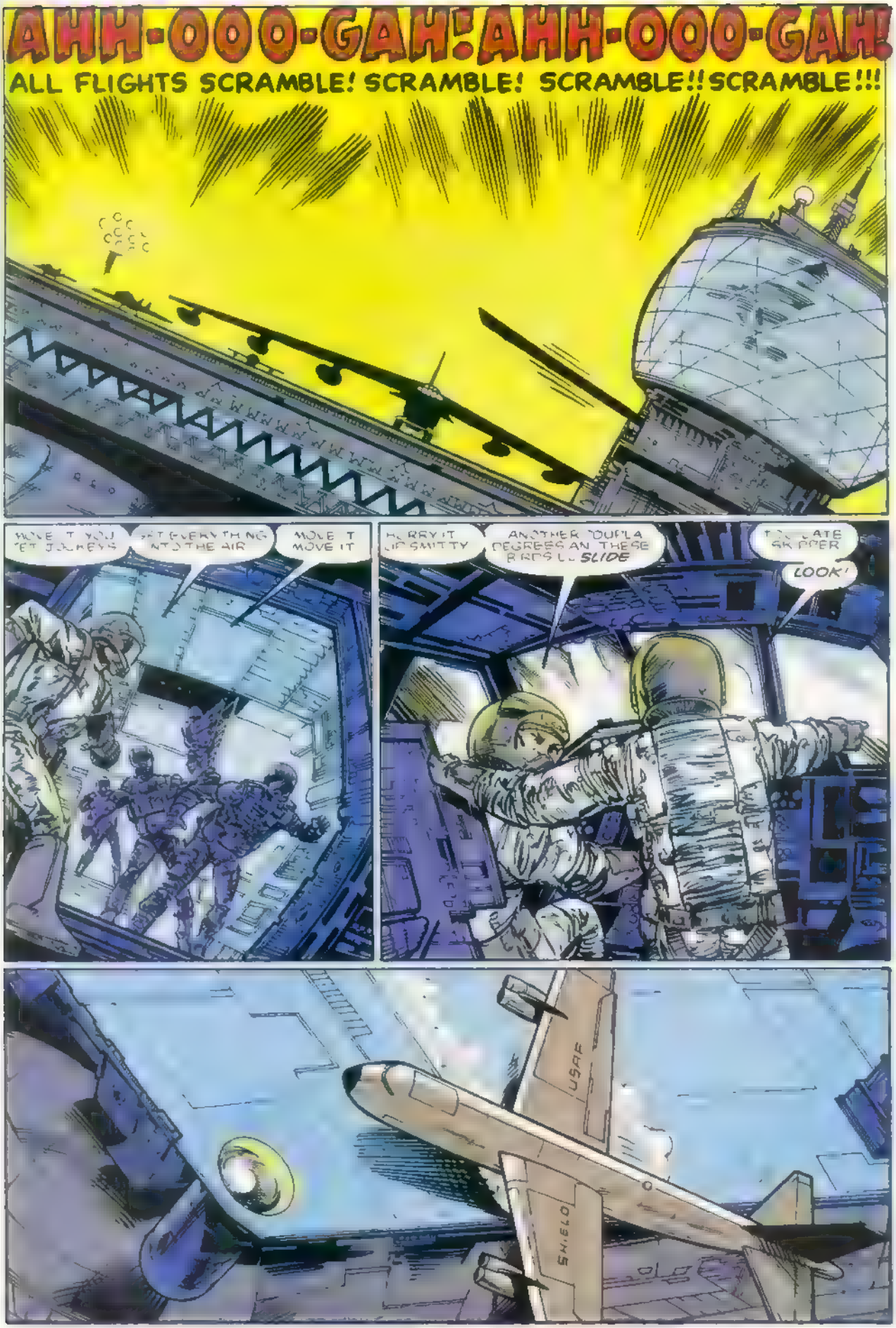
DIREC
OFFICE
PRIVATE
SO THIS IS THE TOP
OFFICE HMM?
NOT TOO SHABBY BUT
A NET AT EACH END
AND YOU COULD PLAY
A FAR GAME OF
BASKETBALL
HELLO
WHAT'S THAT
ON THE
MONITOR?

OH MARVELOUS HE'S BEEN WATCHING TAPES OF MY EXAMINATION"
EEE UK!
CREEPS LIKE HIM COULD GIVE PERVERTS A BAD NAME
WELL, THIS CONSOLE LOOKS EASY ENOUGH TO OPERATE, SO I THINK I'LL JUST POP THE TAPE.
AND PUT THE SPOILERS ON ONAN THE BARBARIAN RIGHT HERE AND
WHAT THE HELL?!?!


WHAT THE HE... I'M DOING?
THE PORT MAIN ROTORS!
THEY'VE STOPPED TURNING
SHE'S TIPPING OVER!!!

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S BEEN NO POWER LOSS!
BUT IT'S HAPPENING! SOMEBODY MUST HAVE SHUT DOWN THE MOTORS DELIBERATELY!
WHO IN GOD'S NAME WOULD BE CRAZY ENOUGH TO
THE PRISONERS!
CHECK THE PRISONERS
SHE ESCAPED? DAMN AND BLAST IT ALL DOOLEY MUST'VE BEEN RIGHT!
SHE IS HOSTILE!
WING: FOOT'S STILL IN THE HOLDING PEN BUT I DON'T SEE ANY SIGN OF THE SHE HULK
SOUND RED ALERT!
SHE HULK IS TO BE LOCATED AND NEUTRALIZED
SHOOT TO KILL!


AHH-OOO-GAH! AHH-OOO-GAH!
ALL FLIGHTS SCRAMBLE! SCRAMBLE! SCRAMBLE!! SCRAMBLE!!!
MOVE IT YOU
ET JOCKEYS
GET EVERYTHING
INTO THE AIR
MOVE IT
MOVE IT
HURRY IT
UP SMITTY
ANOTHER FOUR'LA
DEGREES AN THESE
BIRDS LL SLIDE
LOOK!
USAF
SHIELD

T ME TO MAKE
THE DOUGHNUTS
Sir Do-Nut
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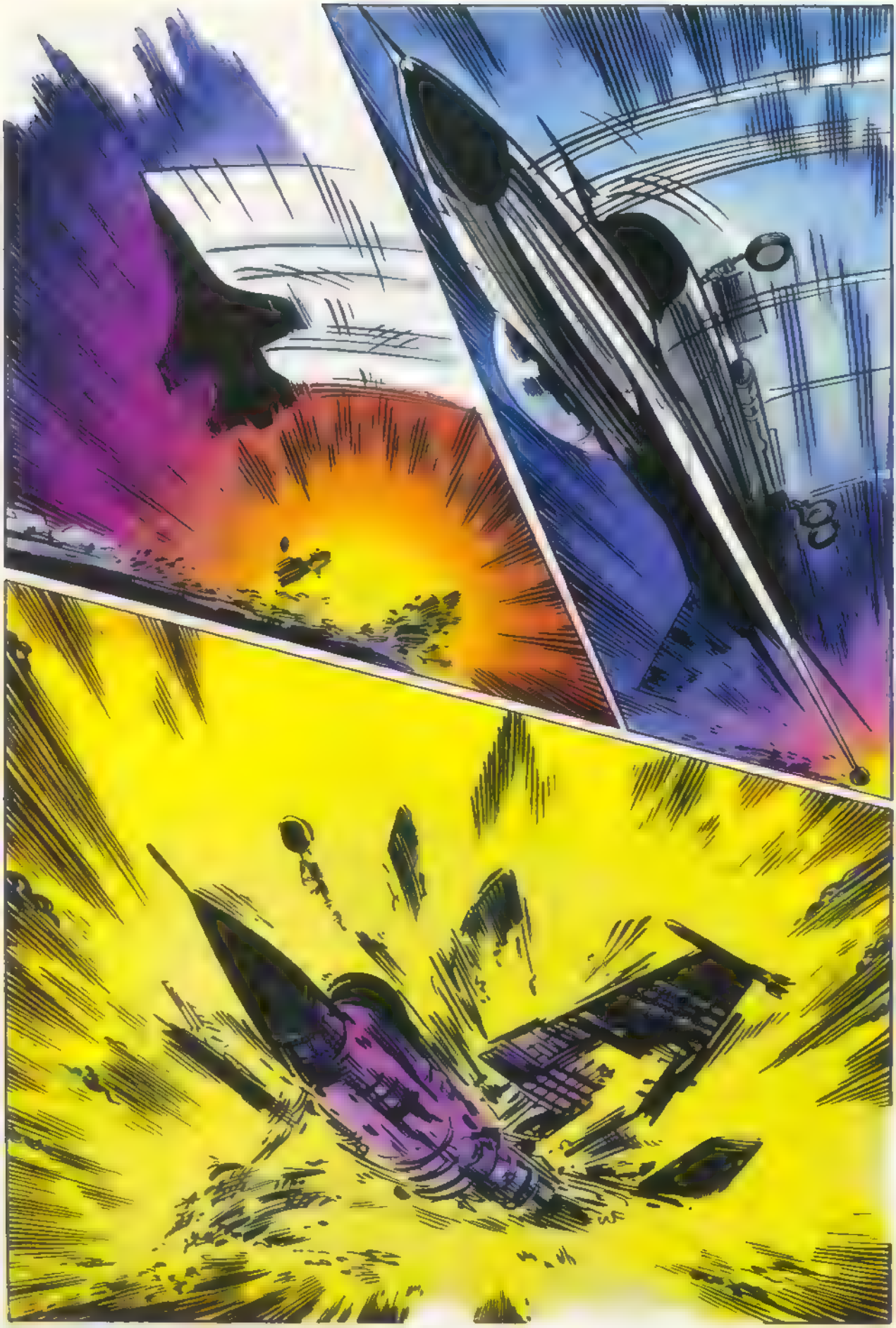
DL NINER! YOU'RE GOING OVER THE EDGE CYCLE!
EJECT!
NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
I'M GONNA SAVE THIS BABY

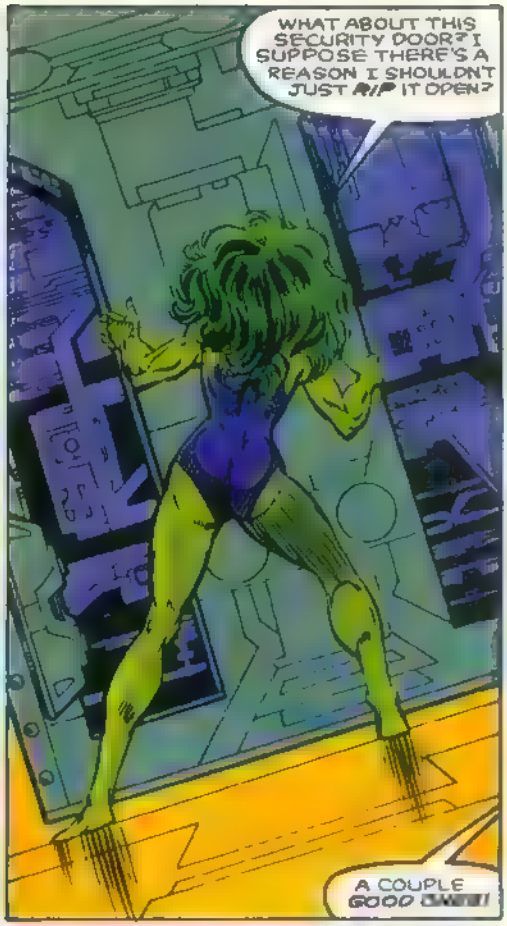


DOESN'T LOOK AS IF THIS CRAZY ROLLER COASTER IS GONNA LET UP
BETTER SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT
THOUGH I CAN'T IMAGINE
...WHAT?!?
UHH ICK! WHAT THE HELL IS THIS THING?
AND SMELLS--LIKE IT'S BEEN DEAD ABOUT A HUNDRED YEARS
AN YOU'RE GONNA JOIN 'IM
RIGHT NOW!
HUH?
HEY WAIT A MIN

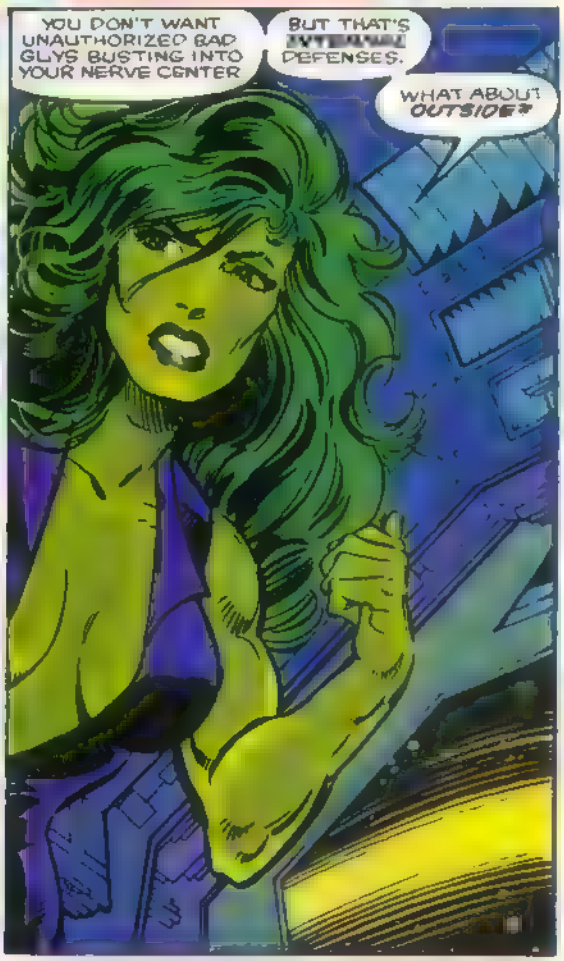
WAIT! DON'T!!
PUM PUM PUM PUM
OOHHH JEEZ WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
SHE HULK WASN'T RESPONSIBLE
IT'S DOOLEY!
WHAT?!?
YOU HEARD THE LADY, COWBOY!
ISN'T IT LUCKY I'M DAMN NEAR BULLET-PROOF?
NOW WHAT'S THAT ABOUT EL-CREEP-O?

HE HE CAME INTO THE MASTER CONTROL CENTER OK, EVERYONE OUT
WE KNEW HE'D BEEN PUT IN CHARGE SO WE OBEYED
THEN ALL THIS STARTED?
HMM I SAW HIM LEAVE HIS OFFICE A WHILE AGO
I THOUGHT SOMETHING LOOKED WRONG-- EVEN FOR HIM
I'M BEGINNING TO SMELL A VERY LARGE RAT AND I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT
BUT NOT DRESSED LIKE THIS! GET ME SOMETHING I CAN WEAR
" THEN WE'LL PAY A VISIT ON MISTER BOOLEY "
YOU MEN REPORT STATUS!
SHE-HULK
WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE?

HOLD YOUR FIRE!! SHE-HULK IS ON OUR SIDE!
WELL, NOW, I WOULDN'T GO QUITE THAT FAR BUT I AM ANTI-DOOLEY.
HE'S IN THERE...?


WHAT ABOUT THIS SECURITY DOOR? I SUPPOSE THERE'S A REASON I SHOULDN'T JUST RIP IT OPEN?
A COUPLE GOOD

GAFFER...?
THAT'S THE SINGLE MOST SECURE ACCESS IN THE WHOLE SYSTEM, SHE-HULK.
RIP IT OPEN AND THIS AREA WILL SEAL AND FLOOD WITH NK-367 THE MOST TOXIC NERVE GAS MANUFACTURED.

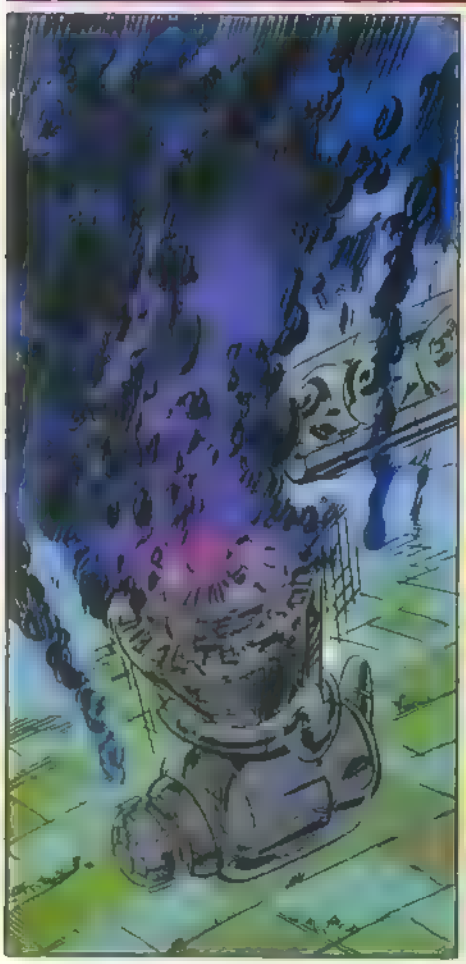

YOU DON'T WANT UNAUTHORIZED BAD GUYS BUSTING INTO YOUR NERVE CENTER
BUT THAT'S
DEFENSES.
WHAT ABOUT OUTSIDE?

BE CAREFUL NOW SHE-HULK THERE'S NO WAY TO GUARANTEE STABILITY
TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW GAFF THE WAY THIS BIRD'S TWISTING IT'S GOT GREAT ADVENTURE BEAT ALL HOLLOW!
IT'S NO GAME, LADY AT THIS ANGLE THE VERTICAL LIFTERS ARE ACTING LIKE DIRECTIONAL PROPELLORS
WE'RE SLEWING SIDEWAYS AT BETTER THAN FIFTY KNOTS.
ONE UNEXPECTED THERMAL AND YOU COULD GET SNATCHED UP..
..AND TOSSED INTO THE BLADES!
YUM-YUM! DICED SHE-HULK! MY FAVORITE!
THANKS FOR THE WARNING I'LL KEEP THIS QUICK!
OKAY BIG TALKER THERE'S THE COMMAND CENTER
YOU'VE ONLY GOT ONE CHANCE AT THIS MAKE IT
...WORK!!

SO THIS IS THE HEART AND LUNGS OF THE BEAST HM?
NOT TOO SHABBY
JAMES BOND'D FEEL RIGHT AT HOME
BUT WHERE'S OUR RESIDENT BAD BOY? I EXPECTED HIM TO BE WAITING WITH GUNS BLAZING
OR AT LEAST THE LATEST HUSTLER
HEY!
YOU ARE FOOLISH, HUMAN FEMALE
OH MY GOD!
NOW YOU WILL DIE.
AND THEY'LL SERVE US

WE HAVE HAD MANY HOSTS SINCE THE FIRST THE ONE CALLED CAMPBELL
THAT WAS LONG AGO SO LONG
BUT NEVER HAVE WE HAD A BODY SUCH AS YOURS SO STRONG, SO LUSH
SO FULL OF THE JUICES OF LIFE..
YOU WILL SERVE US WELL
AND FOR A LONG TIME
STOP IT WHAT THE HELL DO YOU
OH NO
YOU RE FULL OF
OF
.. COCKROACHES !!!

HE... HE WAS SOME KIND OF COLONY OF SUPER-INTELLIGENT COCKROACHES
CAN THAT BE?!?
FALE T TENNY POO! ANY WORLD THAT HAS YOU IN IT HAS LOTS OF ROOM FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE!
SO QUIT GAWKING AND GET THESE DARN DOORS OPEN THERE!
ALL YOURS GUYS
GOOD WORK SHE-HULK!
MORELLI! MACKIE!
GET THE PORT ROTORS RUNNING AGAIN--FAST!
WILL DO, GA-

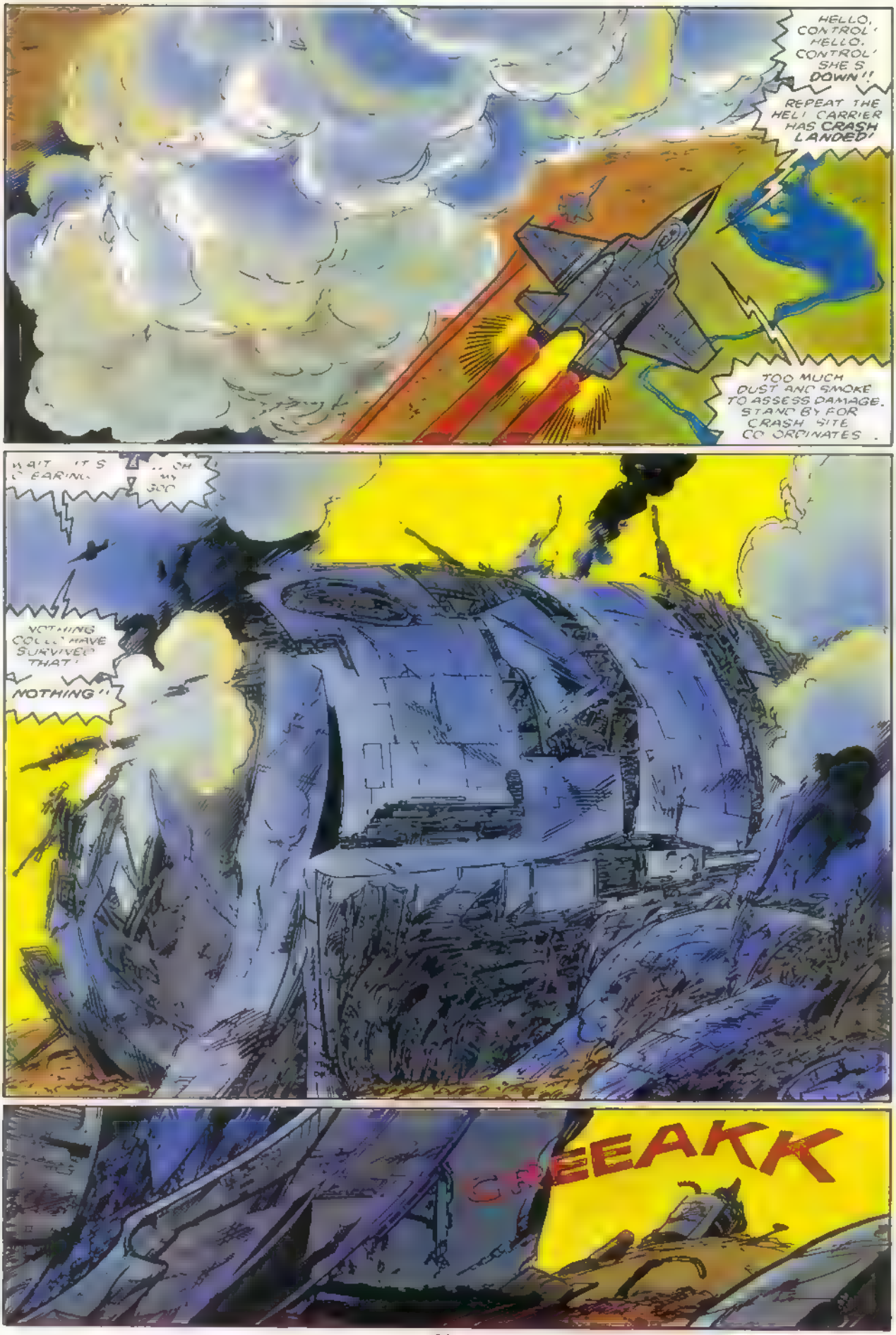


WHAT THE
THE PANEL WAS BOOBY-TRAPPED!
ATTEMPTING TO REACTIVATE THE ROTORS EXPLODED THE CONTROLS AND DETONATED THE EMERGENCY DITCH SYSTEM
WE'VE LOST THE ENTIRE PORT LIFT ASSEMBLY!
GET ME THE INTERCOM!
THIS BABY'S DEAD WEIGHT AS OF NOW
ORDER ALL PERSONNEL INTO THE ESCAPE MODULES!
EMERGENCY STATIONS CREW ONLY TO STAY ABOARD
ABANDON SHIP!!

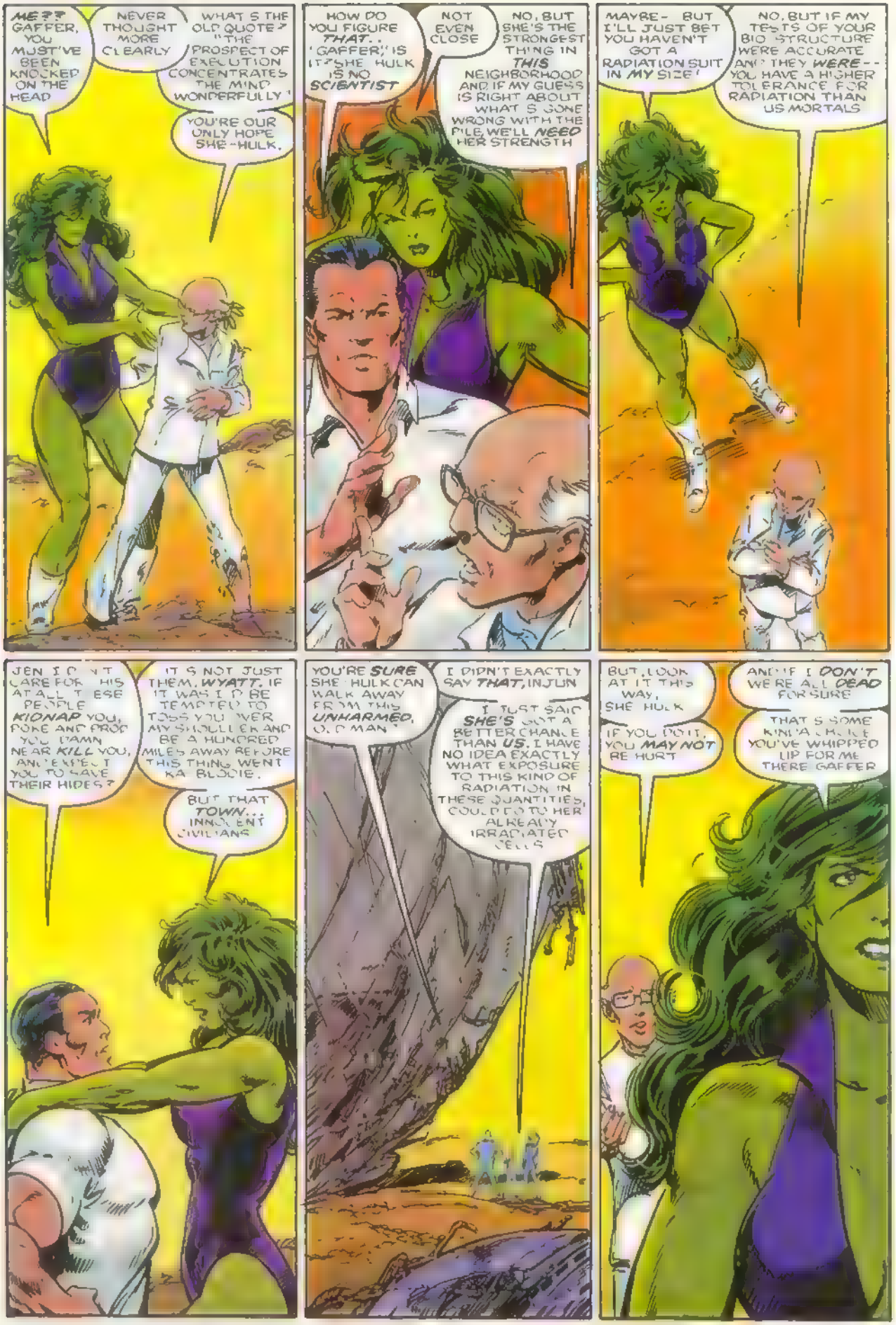
YOU TOO SHE HULK THERE SHOULD ST LL BE A COUPLE OF POPS LEFT
UH UH, GAFF
I'VE GOT ONE SCRUMPTIOUS HUNK OF INDIAN BRAVE TO BUST OUTTA THE HOOSEGOW BEFORE I CUT OUT OF THIS PLACE
GOOD LUCK TO YOU
HARRAS, GET OVER TO THE STARBOARD CONTROLS WE'VE GOT TA CUT THOSE LIFTERS TOO!
WHAT?!?
GAFFER, ARE YOU NUTS? THAT'S THE ONLY THING KEEPING US ALOFT!
WE'D CRASH FOR SURE!
WE RE GONNA DO THAT EITHER WAY BOOBALA ALL WE CAN DO NOW S TRY TC CONTROL HOW HARD WE HIT!
IF WE CUT THE STARBOARD ROTORS THERE S A CHANCE THE AL TOMATIC GYROS WILL LEVEL US OUT JUST ENOUGH!
'ENOUGH"? ENOUGH TO DO WHAT?
ALL RIGHT ALL RIGHT" I WON T EVEN ASK!
LIFTERS CUT"!
THERE SHE GOES!!

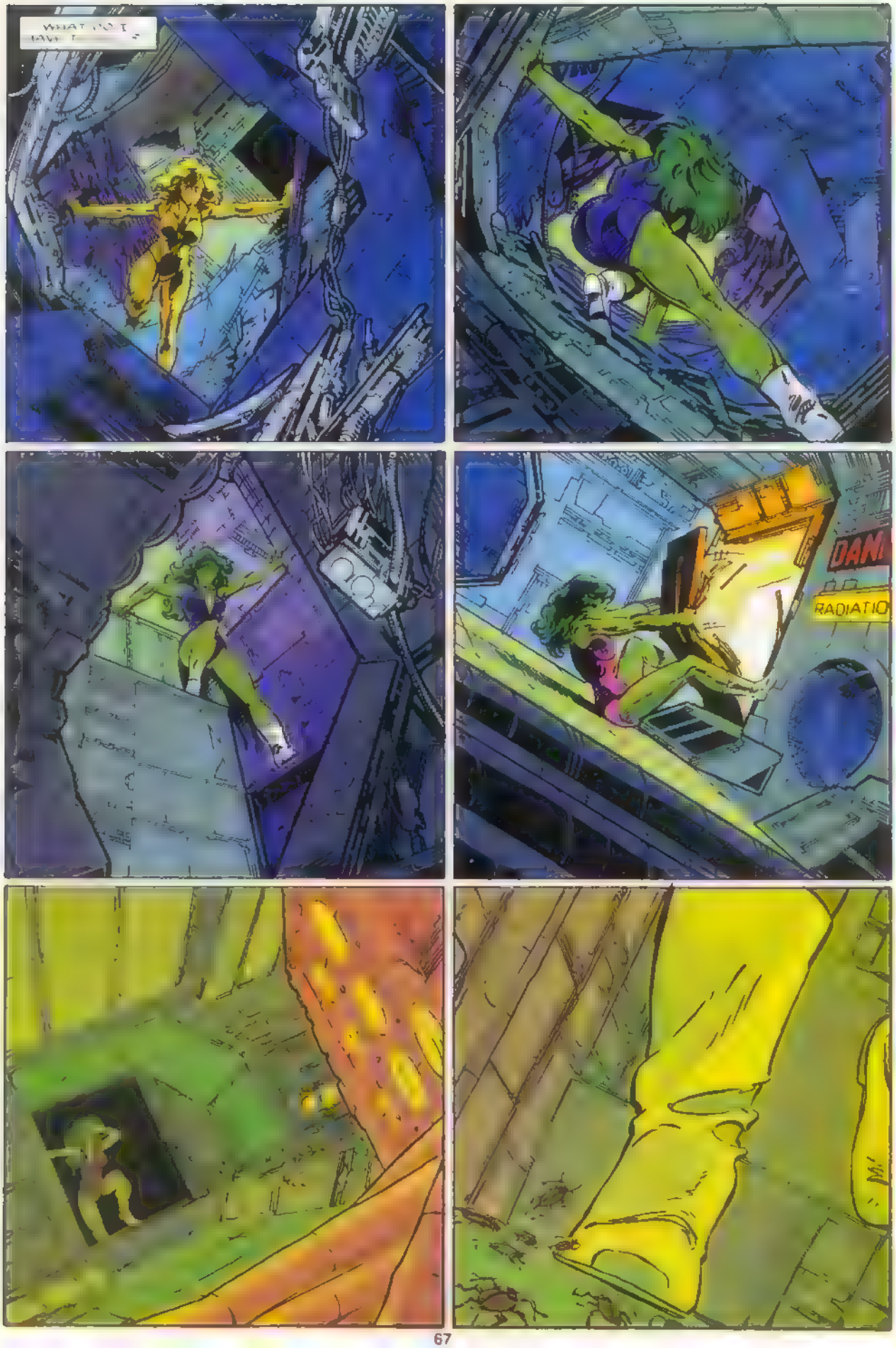
BRACE YOURSELVES EVERYBODY!
I'VE REVERSED POLARITY ON THE VORTEX BEAMS.
THE VORTEX BEAMS?? BUT THEY'RE TO PULL THINGS UP FROM THE GROUND!
AND NOW THEY'RE GONNA PUSH AGAINST THE GROUND
NOW!

THE GRAVITY IS NOT UNIFORM ON THIS ASTEROID
WE'RE NOT GONNA STAY LEVEL
IMPACT IN SIX SECONDS"
FIVE
FOUR...
THREE...
TWO...
ONE!


HELLO, CONTROL, HELLO, CONTROL, SHE'S DOWN!!
REPEAT THE HELI CARRIER HAS CRASH LANDED!
TOO MUCH DUST AND SMOKE TO ASSESS DAMAGE. STAND BY FOR CRASH SITE CO ORDINATES .
WAIT IT'S CLEARING... ...OH MY GOD
NOTHING COULD HAVE SURVIVED THAT!
NOTHING!!
CREEAKK

C'MON LOVE OF MY LIFE
BE OKAY PLEASE BE OKAY
UHHNRH
TEN ?
WHAT HAPPENED?
WELL, TO CON A PHRASE WE FAW - DOWN, GO BOOM!
HOW ARE YOU, BABY?
LIKE ONE OF JAMES BOND'S MARTINIS, SHAKEN BUT NOT STIRRED
I SUSPECT I'LL SURVIVE!
MAYBE MAYBE NOT
WHO - ?
AFTER - BE OKAY ?
NOTHIN' BROKEN BUT HARDLY OKAY, SHE HULK
WE'RE NOT FINISHED HERE YET
GUESS AGAIN BRIGHT BOY. WE'RE NOWHERE WHAT'S THE NEAREST TOWN
THIRTY FIVE ACTUALLY
JUST CLOSE ENOUGH TO GET BLOWN TO HELL IN ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES
WHAT?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE HELI CARRIER'S ATOMIC PILE. SHE HULK I'M GETTING ALL KINDS OF NASTY READINGS FROM IT
I'D SAY IT'LL BLOW IN ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES AND VAPORIZE EVERYTHING WITHIN A HUNDRED MILES
UNLESS YOU CAN SHUT IT DOWN


ME?? GAFFER, YOU MUST'VE BEEN KNOCKED ON THE HEAD
NEVER THOUGHT MORE CLEARLY
WHAT'S THE OLD QUOTE? "THE PROSPECT OF EXECUTION CONCENTRATES THE MIND WONDERFULLY"
YOU'RE OUR ONLY HOPE, SHE-HULK.
HOW DO YOU FIGURE THAT.. "GAFFER," IS IT? SHE HULK IS NO SCIENTIST
NOT EVEN CLOSE
NO, BUT SHE'S THE STRONGEST THING IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD AND IF MY GUESS IS RIGHT ABOUT WHAT'S GONE WRONG WITH THE PILE, WE'LL NEED HER STRENGTH
MAYBE- BUT I'LL JUST BET YOU HAVEN'T GOT A RADIATION SUIT IN MY SIZE!
NO, BUT IF MY TESTS OF YOUR BIO-STRUCTURE WERE ACCURATE AND THEY WERE-- YOU HAVE A HIGHER TOLERANCE FOR RADIATION THAN US MORTALS
JEN I D NT CARE FOR HIS AT ALL T ESE PEOPLE KIDNAP YOU, POKE AND PROD YOU DAMN NEAR KILL YOU, AND EXPECT YOU TO SAVE THEIR HIDES?
IT'S NOT JUST THEM, WYATT. IF IT WAS I'D BE TEMPTED TO TOSS YOU OVER MY SHOULDER AND BE A HUNDRED MILES AWAY BEFORE THIS THING WENT KA-BLOOIE.
BUT THAT TOWN... INNOCENT CIVILIANS
YOU'RE SURE SHE-HULK CAN WALK AWAY FROM THIS UNHARMED, OLD MAN?
I DIDN'T EXACTLY SAY THAT, INJUN
I JUST SAID SHE'S GOT A BETTER CHANCE THAN US. I HAVE NO IDEA EXACTLY WHAT EXPOSURE TO THIS KIND OF RADIATION IN THESE QUANTITIES, COULD DO TO HER ALREADY IRRADIATED CELLS
BUT, LOOK AT IT THIS WAY, SHE-HULK
IF YOU DO IT, YOU MAY NOT BE HURT
AND IF I DON'T WE'RE ALL DEAD FOR SURE
THAT'S SOME KIND OF CHOICE YOU'VE WHIPPED UP FOR ME THERE GAFFER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WHAT THE ?
OH MY GOD
THE COCKROACHES!
NO!
NO!!

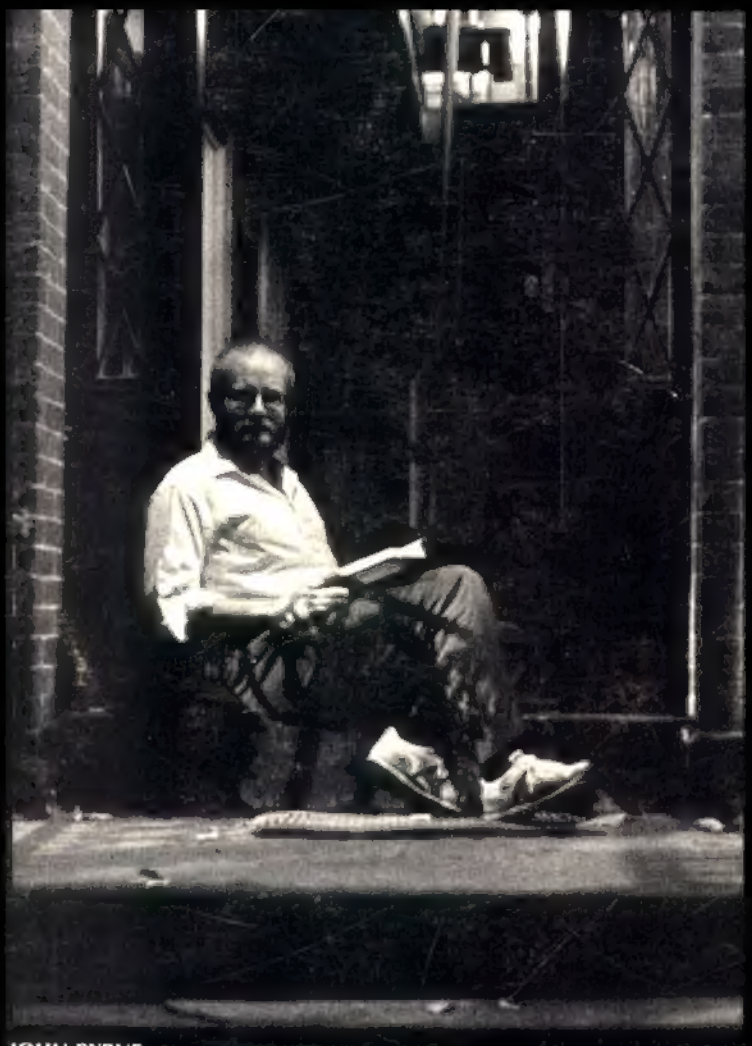
WHAT'S TAKING SO LONG? SOMETHING SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED BY NOW
DAMMIT ALL, I SHOULD HAVE GONE WITH HER!
AND ACCOMPLISHED WHAT, WINGFOOT?
YOU'D ONLY HAVE GOTTEN YOURSELF A LETHAL DOSE OF HARD RADIATION
AND BELIEVE YOU ME, RADIATION POISONING IS A LOUSY WAY TO DIE
BUT NOT SO AWFUL THAT YOU WOULDN'T RISK EXPOSING JEN SHE HULK TO IT.
SHE WAS TOLD THE RISK
BESIDES, I THINK WE'RE SAFE IN ASSUMING SHE'S SUCCESSFULLY CLOSED DOWN THE FILE. IF SHE HADN'T WE'D ALL HAVE GONE POOF BY NOW
WISH I HADN'T DROPPED MY SCANNER
SO THE FILE HASN'T BLOWN? THAT TELLS US NOTHING!
SHE COULD STILL BE LYING DEAD IN THERE
AND I DON'T MUCH CARE FOR THE PROSPECT OF LIFE WITHOUT HER
ME NEITHER LOVER THANKS FOR THE KIND WORDS
JEN!!
JEN?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WELLLL I COULD USE A SHOWER OR TWELVE
YEH I GUESS I'M OKAY
NEVER SQUASHED SO MANY ROACHES IN MY LIFE BUT
I'D SAY WE WON!!

EPILOG ONE: NEW YORK, THREE DAYS LATER . . .
ALL RIGHT, JENNIFER, YOU'RE "CLEAN". NO SIGN OF ROACH CONTAMINATION ANYWHERE IN YOUR SYSTEM.
THAT'S A RELIEF.
I THINK I'VE TAKEN FIFTY SHOWERS IN THE LAST SEVENTY-ODD HOURS, AND I STILL FEEL LIKE THOSE LITTLE BUGGERS ARE CRAWLING ALL OVER ME.
NOT SURPRISING. A TRULY REMARKABLE CASE I'D SAY, COCKROACH INTELLIGENCE, HUMAN CORPSES AS HOSTS...
YOU'RE CERTAIN YOU CAN SHED NO FURTHER LIGHT ON HOW SUCH A CREATURE CAME INTO EXISTENCE?
JUST WHAT THE THING SAID ABOUT HAVING BEEN AROUND A LONG TIME--AND HOW IT CLEARLY THRIVED ON RADIOACTIVITY.
MM. THAT'S UNDOUBTEDLY THE KEY. SOME KIND OF MUTATION, PROBABLY CAUSED BY EXPOSURE TO HARD RADIATION. AN OLD ATOMIC TEST, PERHAPS.
A PITY WE DON'T HAVE ONE OR TWO OF THE INDIVIDUAL ROACHES TO STUDY.
SORRY. ONCE I GOT STARTED THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP FROM WOOFING MY COOKIES WAS TO CONCENTRATE ON GOOSHING ALL OF THEM.
BUT...
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE, ISN'T THERE, REED?
I GET THE FEELING THAT YOU'RE TALKING AROUND SOME BAD NEWS.
...YES.
YES. I'M AFRAID I AM, JENNIFER. YOU SEE, THE EXPOSURE TO SHIELD'S ATOMIC PILE DID AFFECT YOU.
IT'S PUT A... GENETIC LOCK ON THE RADIATION ALREADY IN YOUR CELLS.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DIE OR BECOME ILL OR ANYTHING OF THAT NATURE--NO MORE THAN THE REST OF US...BUT--
BUT I'M AFRAID YOU'RE SHE-HULK PERMANENTLY NOW.
YOU CAN NEVER BECOME JENNIFER WALTERS AGAIN.

I'M... SORRY, JEN.
SO WHAT'S THE BAD NEWS...?

EPILOG TWO: SEVEN HOURS LATER . . .
MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM
REMIND ME TO PUT YOU UP FOR SAINT-HOOD, BABY...
...OR AT LEAST GET THOSE MAGIC FINGERS REGISTERED WITH THE GUINNESS PEOPLE!
NOW, NOW, JEN. I'VE TOLD YOU MY TRIBE'S ANCIENT MASSAGE TECHNIQUES ARE SECRET.
BUT YOU CERTAINLY SEEMED LIKE YOU NEEDED SOMETHING TO RELAX YOU...
...AFTER ALL... TO DISCOVER YOU'RE STUCK AS THE SHE-HULK.
THAT'S REALLY NOT A PROBLEM, LOVER. I'VE ALWAYS PREFERRED BEING SHE-HULK.
THAT'S WHY I HARDLY CHANGED BACK TO MY ORIGINAL SELF.
BUT THERE IS SOMETHING.
'FESS UP, JEN. YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T KEEP SECRETS FROM ME.
WOULDN'T EVEN TRY WYATT. IT'S JUST... WELL, THERE'S ONE THING LEFT ABOUT THIS BUSINESS THAT STILL BUGS ME...
...PARDON THE PUN.
FROM WHAT SHIELD WAS ABLE TO DETERMINE THE COCKROACH CREATURE CAME ABOARD AS ONE OF THE CIVILIANS GRABBED ALONG WITH US, RIGHT?
YES. PROBABLY THE OLD BAG-MAN. WHY DOES THAT BOTHER YOU?
BECAUSE IT MEANS THEY KNEW, WYATT. THE COCKROACHES KNEW WHAT SHIELD WAS GOING TO DO... AND WHEN.
AND AS FAR AS I CAN FIGURE, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY THEY COULD HAVE KNOWN...
AND, HONEY... IT'S SOMETHING I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT!

THE END



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